



# CITY OF FENTON

## NEWS & VIEWS

### MAYOR'S CORNER

At our December meeting, the Board will consider adopting our 2013 budget. Once again, we are projecting a combined operating surplus for both our General Fund and our Parks/Stormwater Fund. The 2013 surplus is projected to be some \$240,000. One of the highlights of the budget is the inclusion of the funding for a bulk trash pickup. While not a return to our previous service levels, it is a step in the right direction – hopefully the first of many.

We are also making plans to address the sales tax distribution formula in St. Louis County. We recently hosted a meeting of several cities, and it appears that there is considerable support for our efforts among those cities like us that lose hundreds of thousands or more every year. In our case, we lose nearly 56% of the revenue we generate – in 2011 that amounted to \$3.2 million. What I find fascinating, however, are those cities that are content with losing millions of dollars every year. Apparently they are in much better financial shape than we are if they can afford to lose that much every year. You really have to wonder if the residents of those cities understand how much money their elected officials are content with giving to other cities that do nothing to earn it.

As has become my custom, it's time to take a look back at 2012. The winter of 2012 was one of the

mildest on record. And while we did see a little snow, we were able to save a significant amount on the salt we use on our streets, entering the current winter season with our bins full. We also saw one of the hottest summers on record. During one stretch we saw ten consecutive days over 100 degrees, and 25 consecutive days over 90. Whew!

In March we held our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Mayor's Charity Ball. And for the eleventh year we had a very successful event.

During the legislative session I made a couple of trips to Jefferson City to testify about the sales tax distribution formula. And while there was no positive change for us, there also was no further damage to us. Going forward, we will continue to fight for what is rightfully ours.

The Olde Towne Business Association had a very successful start. The group had a successful fundraiser, a very successful cleanup day in Olde Towne, and they played a very big role in our 175<sup>th</sup> birthday event.

In June, I got to do something I've never done before – throw out the first pitch at a Cardinal game. I'm not sure if it was a strike or not, but at least it didn't bounce.

In August, we finally cut the ribbon on the Gravois Road Bridge across the Meramec. It was almost 5 years to the day after the old bridge was closed. On that same day we also celebrated our City's 175<sup>th</sup> birthday. This was one of the greatest days in our City's long history, and it was made possible through the volunteer efforts of a lot of people.

In September, we once again remembered those who lost their lives on that terrible day in 2001. We heard from someone who was in the Pentagon on that fateful day, and listened as he told how he lost his best friend in the attack on the

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### ELECTION NOTICE

The City Fenton will hold its annual General Election on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. Voters will elect a Mayor, four Aldermen, one from each of the City's four Wards, for two-year terms, and one Alderman in Ward 2 for a one-year term\*. The polling places will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. The St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners will notify all registered voters by mail of their respective polling place.

Candidate filing opened on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. and will close on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Those wishing to file a declaration of candidacy for office may do so at the City Clerk's office located at Fenton City Hall, 625 New Smizer Mill Road, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The City of Fenton Offices will be closed on December 24, 25, and 31, 2012 and January 1, 2013.

**\* Alderman Jerry Sorge, Ward 2 has tendered his resignation effective November 26, 2012. As a result residents will elect an additional Alderman for Ward 2 to fill the unexpired term.**

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Pentagon. It was truly a moving story, and reminded everyone there why we can never forget what happened on September 11, 2001.

In November we once again kicked off the holiday season with our lighting ceremony at City Hall. And for the last time, my grandchildren helped me throw the switch. So as 2012 draws to an end, I want to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mayor Dennis Hancock

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**

On **Wednesday, January 2, 2013**, 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:

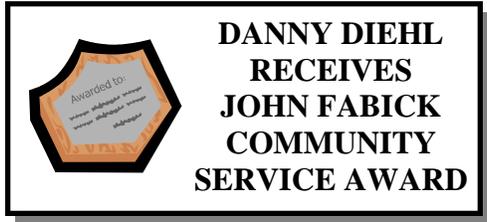
**NEW BUSINESS**

- A petition by Ritzy K9 STL, Inc., for a Special Use Permit to operate a Pet Business Service (Dog Daycare) at 515 Rudder Road. The parcel is zoned "BP-3" Business Park—General Office Centers, Small Warehousing District.

**SITE PLAN REVIEWS**

- A petition by Steve Jackson for Site Plan Review of a proposed remodel to an existing building at 300 Water Street to provide a second floor loft residence. The property is zoned "OT-1" Olde Towne Historic Zone District.

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



On November 20, 2012, at the Board of Aldermen meeting, Mayor Dennis Hancock and the Board of Aldermen presented the 2012 John Fabick Community Service Award to Danny Diehl.

Mayor Hancock thanked him for his dedication and service to the City of Fenton and its residents. Congratulations for being chosen to receive this award!

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING RESCHEDULED**

Due to the upcoming holiday the December regular Board of Aldermen Meeting has been rescheduled.

The December Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** at City Hall.



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

**Long Pharmaceuticals, LLC**  
1733 Gilsinn Lane  
(pharmaceutical manufacturing & packaging, testing laboratories)

**Sinclair & Rush, Inc.**  
2501 Cassens Drive  
(rubber & plastic equipment manufacturer)

**SDA Incorporated dba Systems Design Associates**  
900 S. Highway Drive  
(computer programming and consulting)

**Berkerle Consultants, Inc.**  
232 Axminister Drive  
(office & warehouse of telecom equipment)

**Progressive Medical, Inc.**  
997 Horan Drive  
(distribution of medical supplies)

**Kingsmen Services, LLC**  
2376 Cassens Drive  
(lawn services)

Welcome to Fenton. We are glad you are here!

**SALES TAX REDISTRIBUTIONS**

Total monthly sales tax generated for **October 2012** was \$424,488. Of that, \$262,239 (61.8%) went to tax redistribution, which brings the total redistribution for 2012 to \$2,267,661 (57.7%). The amount of sales tax redistributed back to St. Louis County for October 2012:

"A" Sales Tax Summary		"B" (Pool) Sales Tax Summary		Combined Sales Tax Summary	
Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed
\$331,472	\$173,453 (52.3%)	\$93,061	\$88,786 (95.5%)	\$424,488	\$262,239 (61.8%)

If you have additional questions, please contact your Alderman.

# RIVERCHASE FENTON

## PARKS & RECREATION HAPPENINGS

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

### ZUMBA, ZUMBA GOLD AND ZUMBA TONING



Choose which class fits you best. All Zumba classes start the week of January 6. Call RiverChase for more information.

### LOSE TO WIN CHALLENGE

Household contest starts February 4.

Individual contest starts February 11.

Winner will win a free RiverChase Membership. Check the "Beacon" for more details.



### AEROBICS

Don't miss out on our great aerobic classes beginning January 7. You can sign up for a 16-punch session card or a 32-punch session card.



### SENIOR LUNCH AND BINGO

Adults, 55+, are invited to our next Lunch and Bingo at RiverChase. Join us on **Wednesday, January 9** at 10:30 a.m. What's on the menu this month? Ham and beans with cornbread.



### NEW YEAR'S DAY OPEN HOUSE—A FAMILY EVENT



Tuesday, January 1  
1:00—4:00 p.m.

Join us at RiverChase as we celebrate New Year's Day! Start the New Year off right with a FREE visit to RiverChase of Fenton. Bring the whole FAMILY to tour and utilize one of the premier recreation centers in the area.



Work out in the fitness center or take a swim in the pool, which features a two-story water slide, children's leisure area, and hot tub.



The New Year's Day celebration will feature FREE Land and Aqua Zumba demonstrations and FUN kids activities, contests, and prizes. The toddlers can enjoy the Rainforest Jungle Gym!



DJ Russ Hilton will provide rockin' music and entertainment!

FREE refreshments and popcorn will be provided.



Don't miss out on special membership and program opportunities! FREE t-shirts to the first 100 people to attend! For a complete schedule of activities and classes watch our website at [www.fentonmo.org](http://www.fentonmo.org) or "LIKE" us on Facebook!



### RIVERCHASE HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday, December 24  
Christmas Eve

Open 5:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Open Swim 8:00-11:30 a.m.



Tuesday, December 25  
Christmas Day

RiverChase will be closed.



Monday, December 31

New Years Eve

Open 5:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Open Swim 8:00-11:30 a.m.



Tuesday, January 1  
New Years Day

Open 12:00-5:00 p.m.  
Open Swim 12:00-4:00 p.m.  
Open House Hours 1:00-4:00 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](http://www.fentonmo.org).

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDARS

The Fenton Historical Society has put together a calendar featuring historical photos from the Fenton area. Calendars are available for purchase for \$4.00 each.

To purchase stop by:

Fenton Historical Society  
One Church Street  
Fenton, MO 63026  
(636) 326-0808  
[fentonhistory@hotmail.com](mailto:fentonhistory@hotmail.com)

Calendars can also be purchased at Fenton City Hall.



### 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 (6) inches of snow within 12 hours or ice accumulation of 1/4 inch or more.



SKYWARN severe winter 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 you to 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 Fenton City Park. 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.

#### **TRASH TALK**



#### HOLIDAY PICKUP SCHEDULE

Week of Christmas Holiday  
*Trash Pickup* will remain the same on **Monday, December 24.**

*Recycling Pickup* will be on **Friday, December 28**

Week of New Years Holiday  
*Trash Pickup* will remain the same on **Monday, December 31**

*Recycling Pickup* will be on **Friday, January 4**

#### TIS THE SEASON TO RECYCLE



Don't forget to recycle your wrapping paper and cardboard boxes from the gifts that are received during the holidays. *Please note: No plastic bags and no Styrofoam.*

#### RECYCLING INFO

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, please feel free to call Public Works at (636) 349-8155.

## CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY HOURS

### Christmas

City offices will be closed  
**Monday, December 24 &  
Tuesday, December 25**



### New Years



City offices will be closed  
**Monday, December 31 &  
Tuesday, January 1**

### Martin Luther King Jr. Day

City offices will be closed  
**Monday, January 21, 2013**



## PUBLIC HEARING 2013 BUDGET

The City of Fenton will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 20, 2012 at 6:45 p.m. to consider the Operating and Capital Improvements Budget for 2013. The hearing will be held at Fenton City Hall. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. For more information or a copy of the proposed budget, contact the Finance Department at (636) 343-2080.

Persons requiring an accommodation to attend and participate in the meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (636) 343-2080 (Voice) or 1-800-735-2966 (TDD) at least two working days prior to the meeting.

## DECISIONS FROM THE NOVEMBER 20 AND DECEMBER 6 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

### Presentations



- Mayor Hancock and the Board of Aldermen presented the John Fabick Community Service Award to Danny Diehl.
- Mayor Hancock along with Operations Superintendent Dale Oberhaus presented Johnnie "Jay" White with a Certificate of Appreciation for his years of service to the City.
- Alderman Chris Clauss, President of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, honored Police Officer Justin Jones as Officer of the Quarter.



### Decisions

- ✓ Approved the petition by Thirty & 141, L.P., for Site Plan approval 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.
- ✓ Approved the release of escrow in the amount of \$222,957.25 from the Estates of Uthoff Valley Letter of Credit, leaving an escrow balance of \$99,657.15.
- ✓ Approved seeking proposals for umpiring services for department operated leagues.
- ✓ Approved seeking bids for the printing of "The Beacon".

- ✓ Approved seeking Request for Proposals for the operation of the Farmer's Market.
- ✓ Approved seeking proposals for soft drink vending.
- ✓ Approved a Liquor License for Road Ranger #145, 205 North Highway Drive.



### Ordinances

**#3288** Approves a Cooperation Agreement between the City of Fenton, Missouri and the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a Great Rivers Greenway District to construct a trail connection to a section of the Meramec Greenway Trail.

**#3289** Approves the second amendment to the Police Services Agreement for Police Services January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

**#3290** Amends Title V, Article III, Fire Prevention Code by the addition of Section 500.095: Residential Fire Protection Code.

**#3291** Authorizes an amendment of an existing Contractual Agreement with the St. Louis County Government for the provision of Code Enforcement Services.

**#3292** Calls for submission to the voters of the City of Fenton, Missouri at the General Election to fill the vacancy in the office of Aldermen, Ward 2 for a one-year term.

### Resolutions

**R12-06** Accepts the health insurance programs offered by SLAIT effective as of December 1, 2012.

**CITY OF FENTON**  
**625 NEW SMIZER MILL ROAD**  
**FENTON, MO 63026**

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 U.S. POSTAGE  
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 FENTON, MO  
 PERMIT NO. 178

**Deliver by Tuesday, December 18, 2012**



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| Tues  | Jan 1  |  | City Offices Closed—New Years Day             |
| Wed   | Jan 2  | 7:00 pm   | Planning & Zoning Commission                  |
| Thurs | Jan 3  | 7:00 pm   | Historical Society/Swantner House (#1 Church) |
|       |        | 7:00 pm   | Board Committee Meetings                      |
| Mon   | Jan 7  | 6:30 pm   | Park Board                                    |
| Thurs | Jan 10 | 7:00 pm   | Board Committee Meetings                      |
| Mon   | Jan 14 | 5:30 pm   | Municipal Court                               |
| Tues  | Jan 15 | 5:00 pm   | Filing Closes for April 2013 General Election |
|       |        | 7:30 pm   | Board of Adjustment                           |
| Mon   | Jan 21 |   | City Offices Closed—Martin L. King Jr. Day    |
| Thurs | Jan 24 | 7:00 pm   | Board of Aldermen Meeting                     |

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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