



CITY OF FENTON

NEWS & VIEWS

March 2013

MAYOR'S CORNER

During my twelve years in office, there have been many events – some local, some regional, some national and some worldwide – that impacted us here in Fenton.

One of those that had a great impact locally was the building of the Summit Road extension through Gravois Bluffs. As you may recall, when Fenton entered into the second redevelopment agreement with the developer of Gravois Bluffs in February, 2001, there was a change in the language that obligated Fenton to construct a road from Highway 30 to South Old Highway 141. After several years of highly contentious discussions - including an 18-hour Sunday spent at a mediator's office – we eventually reached an agreement with the developer that led to the construction of the road. As a side benefit, it also provided the funding mechanism that led to the improvements on South Old Highway 141. Another benefit to Fenton was that it led to the opening of real lines of communication between the developer and the City. And G. J. Grewe is now one of the biggest supporters of Fenton, as evidenced by their sponsorship of last year's Olde Towne Festival and bridge dedication.

Another incident that impacted us was the fight we waged over the trash transfer stations in Peerless Park. To refresh your memory, there was a decision that was made by St. Louis County to issue a license to a construct two trash-transfer stations – places where

trash is dumped from the relatively small trucks that go through your neighborhood and is transferred into larger, semi-trailers to be transported to landfills. The County issued the permits without any input from those who would be directly impacted by it. Because of that, and our legitimate concerns over the safety of our residents, we filed suit against the County.

As a result, after a couple of years of legal fights, we ended up with our public hearing. We were also able to get restrictions put in place regarding the hours of operation and the number and size of vehicles the stations could accommodate. But perhaps most important, we exposed the corrupt way in which St. Louis County dealt with the operators of these stations. Regulators accepted gifts, trips to resorts, and other inducements during the permitting process. Eventually, one of the operators was found guilty in Federal court for charges that came to light out of this process.

The Holy Week flood of 2008 provided Fenton with another challenge. We knew the flood would be bad; what we didn't know was precisely how bad. When the waters crested on Saturday morning, we found out that it was the third-highest crest since these things have been recorded. But what I was most impressed about was the outpouring of support we received during our time of need. Over 2,000 volunteers showed up to help protect the residences and businesses in Fenton. Local businesses showed up with supplies – gloves, shovels, bottled water, food – all at no cost, and without being asked. Volunteers came

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT INFORMATION

At their June 2012 meeting, the Board of Aldermen approved the use of \$20,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for 2013 for the Home Improvement Program (HIP). HIP is a federally funded program that provide technical advice and financial assistance to qualified homeowners for a variety of home repairs.

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.

Repairs are limited to plumbing, electrical, roofing, air-conditioning and heating.

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

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from as far away as Utah to help. We were not only inundated by Mother Nature, we had dozens of national and international news organizations in Fenton as well. And the story became not "small Midwestern town gets flooded," but instead became "strangers rush to help people in need." It's at times like this that you really do understand the inherent goodness that people possess.

Clearly nothing impacted us locally and regionally like Chrysler. That story has been told countless times. There were the heady days of billion-dollar investments, and the tragedy of seeing the plants close for the final time. The closing of Chrysler had a powerful impact on Fenton. But the impact was felt well beyond Fenton as well. Families from across the region were impacted, and some are still impacted today.

But the one event of the last twelve years that I believe had the single biggest impact on any of us was the tragic event that happened on September 11, 2001. We all reacted differently when we heard the news, but here in Fenton we did something that very few communities did – we vowed, as a community, to remember those who lost their lives by constructing a memorial dedicated to the memory of those who lost their lives on that terrible day. A few years after the dedication of the Heroes Memorial, we were honored to receive and dedicate a place of honor for a piece of steel from the World Trade Center. Of all of the things I'm proud to have been a part of during my time as Mayor, the Heroes Memorial stands above all the rest.

Mayor Dennis Hancock

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

On **Wednesday, April 3, 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 Civil Engineering Design Consultants, Inc., representing Jim Butler Chevrolet, to amend an existing Special Use Permit (approved under Ord. 2830) to increase the allowable square footage of the existing automobile dealership at 759 Gravois Bluffs Boulevard for a building addition. The property is zoned "C-1" Commercial Zone District.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

- A petition by Civil Engineering Design Consultants, Inc., representing Jim Butler Chevrolet, for Site Plan Review of a proposed building addition at 759 Gravois Bluffs Boulevard. The property is zoned "C-1" Commercial Zone District.

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



NEW BUSINESSES



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

Blackthorn Marketing, LLC
1732 Gilsinn Lane
(advertising/marketing services)

The Key Company
1724 West Park Center Dr., Suite B
(retail/wholesale of supplements to medical professionals)

Edward Jones
900 S. Highway Drive, Suite 101
(financial advice)

Welcome to Fenton. We are glad you are here!

CITY OF FENTON TELEPHONE NUMBERS

City Hall	(636) 343-2080
Community Development	(636) 349-8110
Public Works	(636) 34-8155
Municipal Court	(636) 343-1007
RiverChase	(636) 343-0067
St. Louis County Police-Fenton Precinct	(636) 349-8120

www.fentonmo.org



**SPRING LEAF
REMOVAL
PROGRAM**

The City's Spring Leaf Program will begin April 1 and end the week of April 22. Because pickups start in a different part of the City each Monday, it is recommended leaves be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. Leaf removal will occur each week until all areas have been serviced once.

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 and cinder blocks.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (636) 349-8155.

**FREE TAX
PREPARATION
FOR 60 AND OLDER**

CORP (County Older Resident Program) in conjunction with Gateway EITC Community Coalition offers free tax preparation for taxpayers 60 and older at 4548 Lemay Ferry Road until April 12. Call (314) 615-4037 to see if you qualify and to schedule an appointment.



**ST. LOUIS COUNTY
POLICE—FENTON
PRECINCT UPDATE**

**OUTDOOR WARNING
SIREN TEST**



The Countywide siren test is on the first Monday of every month at 11:00 a.m., weather permitting.

To report a siren that does not sound during the test and is in need of repair, you may send the information via e-mail to, David Barney, Emergency Communications Network Director, at dbarney@stlouisco.com or call (314) 615-2562.

**TORNADO WATCHES
AND WARNINGS**

Warning the public of severe thunderstorms and tornadoes is the National Weather Service's most important job. To help the public prepare for tornado situations a tornado watch and a tornado warning program has been developed.



Tornado Watch: This means that conditions are favorable for tornado development. This is the time to prepare. You should keep alert by listening to radio, television or weather radio for the latest weather information. Know where your children are. Be aware of where you will go and what you will do if a tornado threatens.

Tornado Warning: This means a tornado has been sighted or indicated by radar. People in the path of the storm should take immediate life saving actions.

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



**ELECTION
NOTICE**

The City Fenton will hold its annual General Election on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. Filing for elective office closed on Tuesday, January 15. 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 an unexpired term ending April 2014. The following is a list of candidates as they will appear on the ballot in the order they filed:

MAYOR

- Paul Seemayer
22 Elderwood Court
- Michael D. Polizzi
738 River Hills Drive

WARD 1

- Carol Brennan
2 Treecrest Court
- Andrew Sobey, Jr.
734 River Hills Drive
- Kevin E. Yarbrough
610 Winter View Circle

WARD 2 (2-Year Term)

- Wesley Paul Verble
342 Chrysler

**WARD 2 (Unexpired Term
ending April 2014)**

- Joe Maurath
1350 Larkin Williams Road

WARD 3

- Chris Clauss
886 San Sebastian Drive

WARD 4

- Jim Mauller
1500 Bowles

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".

SENIOR LUNCH AND BINGO



Adults, 55+, are invited to our next Lunch and Bingo at RiverChase. Join us on **Wednesday, April 10** at 10:30 a.m. What's on the menu this month? Pizza Caserole.

T-BALL LEAGUE

This eight game league is for boys and girls and is held at Fenton City Park. Games are on Saturdays. Kids receive a team shirt, hat and award. Practices will be held during the week. Last day of registration is April 14.



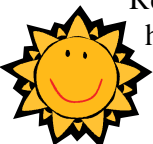
COACH PITCH LEAGUE

This eight game league is for boys and girls who want to advance their baseball skills. The coaches do the pitching and the kids do the hitting. Games are on Saturdays. Practices will be held during the week. Last day of registration is April 14.



SUMMER CAMPS

Fenton's Summer Camp registration has begun. Don't wait, reserve your child's spot today! The Parks and Recreation Department has put together a wide variety of non-stop fun that appeals to every



child. Sign up today to make this summer an experience your child will never forget. Check out www.fentonmo.org for weekly Camp Schedules and Agendas.



RiverChase will host a Job Fair for anyone interested in Seasonal Employment on Friday, March 29, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. RiverChase will be recruiting for Summer Concession Stands, Camp Counselors, Recreation Assistants and Soccer Referees. Applications will be accepted and on-site interviews will take place at the Fenton Parks & Recreation Job Fair. If you need additional information, please contact RiverChase at (636) 343-0067.

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.

FENTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
17TH ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION

A Night In Paris

SSM St. Clare Health Center

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2013

Join the Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce for "A Night in Paris" at their 17th Annual Dinner Auction at Andre's South, 4254 Telegraph Road, on Friday, April 5 from 6:00-10:30 p.m. Guest Emcee; Coffee Bar; Mime Entertainment; Wall of Wine; Destination Trip; 50/50; Silent and Oral Auctions; Raffle... just to name

a few exciting attractions at this year's fundraising event.

Tickets are \$50/person or \$450/ Table of Ten (after March 22nd, tickets will be \$60/person or \$500/ Table of Ten Donation, sponsorship, advertising and volunteer opportunities are available through the Chamber Office so call today at 636-717-0200. For additional information, please visit our website at www.fentonmochamber.com.

Funds raised at this event help us give thousands of dollars to our area students through our Scholarship program and help with the cost of running an ever-growing Fenton Chamber.

FENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Annual Spring Luncheon and Antique Appraisal



Saturday, May 18, 2013
Sunset Lakes Banquet Center
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Cost: \$19.00

You don't want to miss a wonderful afternoon of fun, food and relaxation. Besides the free antique appraisal (each guest can bring 2 items), there will be a silent auction and quilt raffle. As part of our 20th Anniversary Celebration, the Society is working to make this a very special event for our guests and we

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hope you can join us.

Tickets are now available and **must be purchased prior to May 10.** Call the museum at (636) 326-0808, Vera Glick at (636) 343-4186 or by email at fentonhistory@hotmail.com.

Join us for a wonderful afternoon. You won't be disappointed.



TRASH TALK

BULK TRASH ITEMS

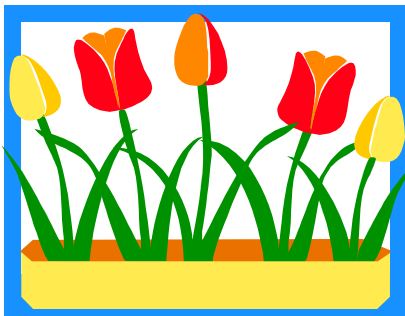
Keep in mind that our current trash contract through Christian Environmental Services, offers residents the chance to place one bulky item at the curb each week (maximum 75 lbs.).

For additional information contact the Public Works Department or check out the City's website for the [Bulky Waste Disposal Guide](#).

REMINDER



Yard waste cannot be included in the regular trash pickup. Please utilize the City's Year Round Yard Waste Program to dispose of grass clippings, leaves, plant trimmings, weeds, branches, gum balls, etc.



**DECISIONS FROM THE
FEBRUARY 28 BOARD OF
ALDERMEN MEETING**

Decisions



- ✓ Appointed Jan Turallo, Ward 3, to the City's Park, Beautification & Recreation Committee with a term ending January, 2015.

Ordinances



#3310 Approves a Special Use Permit petitioned by MSB Enterprises, LLC to operate an indoor automobile sales business at 644 Axminister Drive.

#3311 Approves a Special Use Permit by West County Wholesale, LLC to operate an indoor automobile sales business at 644 Axminister Drive.

#3312 Approves a Special Use Permit by Blake Floor Company for outdoor storage of containers at 721 Larkin Williams Industrial Court.

#3313 Reaffirms the Gross Receipts Tax to be imposed upon Electric Corporations conducting business with the City and matters related hereto.

#3314 Approves an Agreement with

Sungard Pentamation, Inc. for the Finance Department's Accounting Software Package.

Resolutions

R13-02 Adopts the Non-Discrimination/Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan.

R13-03 Authorizes the Mayor to apply through East-West Gateway Coordinating Council (EWGCC) and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) for funding the replacement of Old Gravois Road from Water Street to Ferry Street under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) within the City limits; prescribing the conditions hereto.

Pending Legislation



Consideration of the following bill will be given at the March 28, 2013 Board of Aldermen meeting.

Bill 13-08 Approves a Special Use Permit petitioned by Ritzy K9 STL, Inc. for a Special Use Permit to operate a pet business service at 515 Rudder Road. *Two Readings. This Bill was read twice in accordance with the petitioner's request.*

SALES TAX REDISTRIBUTIONS

Total monthly sales tax generated for **January 2013** was \$573,633. Of that, \$360,526 (62.8%) went to tax redistribution, which brings the total redistribution for 2012 to \$2,869,132 (59.0%). The amount of sales tax redistributed back to St. Louis County for January 2013:

"A" Sales Tax Summary		"B" (Pool) Sales Tax Summary		Combined Sales Tax Summary	
Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed
\$383,249	\$6,991 (1.8%)	\$97,696	\$94,448 (96.7%)	\$480,945	\$101,439 (21.1%)

If you have additional questions, please contact your Alderman.

CITY OF FENTON
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FENTON, MO 63026

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Deliver by Monday, March 18, 2013



- Mon Apr 1 6:30 pm Park Board
- Tues Apr 2 Election Day—Polls Open at 6:00 a.m.
- Wed Apr 3 7:00 pm Planning & Zoning Commission
- Thurs Apr 4 7:00 pm Historical Society/Swantner House (#1 Church)
7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings
- Mon Apr 8 5:30 pm Municipal Court
- Thurs Apr 11 7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings
- Tues Apr 16 7:30 pm Board of Adjustment
- Mon Apr 22 5:30 pm Municipal Court
- Thurs Apr 25 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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