



CITY OF FENTON

NEWS & VIEWS

July–August 2013

MAYOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

The Chrysler site was home to two plants. The South plant closed in 2008, and the North plant closed four years ago – in July 2009. It hardly seems possible that it has been that long, but it has been.

Each year since the closings, Fenton continues to sustain a financial ‘hit’ in the form of yearly tax revenue in excess of a million dollars that had been provided to the City of Fenton for years from taxes assessed to the plants. We tend to refer to it as “The Chrysler site” now. Often, while they were still operational, we referred to them as “The Chrysler Plant” or simply “Chrysler”. In reality, there were the two plants – not one. So the loss of both industrial plants was a double hit to Fenton’s economy. Not only was the City’s revenue diminished as earlier discussed, but many Fenton residents also saw their jobs disappear. Many Fenton couples saw both of their jobs disappear.

We need to bring a new life to the site.

Much speculation now surrounds possible development of the site. We have all heard the rumors around the metropolitan area and through various local media that the site is under consideration as the possible new home for the St. Louis Rams football franchise and

other large developments. Unfortunately, that is all that these are: rumors.

Many people are contacting me as Mayor to see if I have any information on this and other rumors they have heard. The answer to that is no. Like the other residents of Fenton, the only information I have heard is speculation.

I have been meeting regularly with various politicians and regional civic and business groups regarding the development of the former Chrysler site. If they had any definite information, I am sure it would be shared during those meetings, and the meetings would contain different conversations than they do.

I continue to ask for these meetings as well as attend when invited because I want to be pro-active regarding this development. I want to make certain that there is a positive resolution for the site, and the site’s development is in Fenton’s best interest.

I also want to ensure that this site is developed in Fenton’s *long term* best interest. Chrysler was a mainstay in Fenton for decades. I would like to see the development that eventually fills the site express a long term interest in the location and in our area.

It is a prime piece of property. As Mayor, I would like to see it house a prime partner: one eager to partner with Fenton for a long and prosperous mutual future.

I truly believe that the best option for both the site and for Fenton’s future is out there, not very far away.

Sometimes the best solutions and ideas are right here, right now. “Under our very noses,” as they say.

As always, please feel free to contact me with ideas, suggestions and concerns.

Yours truly,
Mayor Mike
mayormike@fentonmo.org

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR JOHN FABICK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Mayor Mike Polizzi and the Board of Aldermen are officially requesting nominations for the annual “John Fabick Community Service Award”. This award was named in memory of Mr. Fabick for his dedication to our community and his corporate leadership.

The City of Fenton recognizes that many of its residents, businesses and civic organizations contribute in a significant manner to the City each day, without reward or recognition. These include those that have brought honor upon themselves and the community through some outstanding accomplishment as well as service-minded volunteers who simply want to be involved in the community by serving on a City Board or Commission.



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PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

**** PLEASE NOTE ... ****

The P&Z meeting will be held on a WEDNESDAY instead of Tuesday.

On **Wednesday, August 7, 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:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Proposed amendment to the Zoning Code to provide regulations for *Solar Energy Systems*.
- A Petition by The Summit at Gravois Bluffs, LLC, for Site Plan Review of a proposed 34,000 square foot retail building at 758 Gravois Bluffs Boulevard. The property is zoned “C-1” Commercial Zone District.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A Petition by Cogent, Inc., for a Special Use Permit to increase the primary floor area of a building to greater than 50,000 square feet, for a primary floor area of 64,900 square feet. The property is located at 1550 Larkin Williams Road and is zoned “BP-3” Business Park-General Office Centers, Small Warehousing District.
- Consideration of amendments to the Zoning Code for Telecommunication Facility and Antenna Regulations.
- Proposed amendments to the Zoning Code for Telecommunication Facility and Antenna Regulations.

SITE PLAN REVIEW:

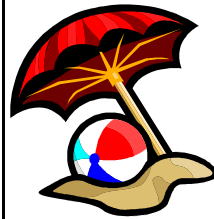
- A Petition by Cogent, Inc., for Site Plan Review of a proposed building remodel and expansion at 1550 Larkin Williams Road. The property is zoned “BP-3” Business Park-General Office Centers, Small Warehousing District.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE—FENTON PRECINCT UPDATE



VACATION SAFETY TIPS

A few simple steps can help keep your home safe and reduce worry while you are away.



Have a trusted friend or relative:

- Collect your mail, newspapers and advertisements daily.
- Mow your lawn, water flowers and perform other yard work as needed.
- Park their car in your driveway, when possible.

Steps to Take Before Leaving:

- Install timers on some lights, radios or televisions.
- Install motion detector lighting or dusk-to-dawn sensors outside.
- If you have a burglar alarm, make sure it is properly set.
- Inspect all doors and windows including the garage doors to make sure they are properly secured.

When you plan your vacation, take a few moments to call your neighborhood precinct to take advantage of our **Vacation Inspection Program**.

REMEMBER—the more your home appears occupied while you are away, the less likely you are to become a burglary victim.

It is hard to predict where or when a **burglary** may occur. You can take a few of the following steps to prevent it from happening:

- Use appliance timers to change lighting patterns and make your home look occupied when you are away.
- Install motion sensing fixtures outside to reduce dark places near your home.
- Close your garage doors at night or any time you are away.
- When planting bushes or landscaping, avoid concealing your doors or windows. Overgrown shrubbery provides a hiding place and protects an intruder from detection.

Neighborhood Policing Officer:

Officer Aaron Dilks
636-349-8120 ext. 1123

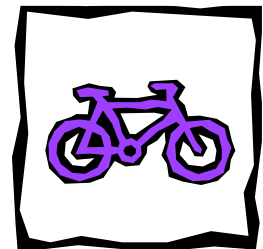
**Precinct Phone
(636) 349-8120**

BIKE HELMETS FOR KIDS

Just a reminder ... Neighborhood Policing Officer Aaron Dilks can properly fit your child with a **F-R-E-E** bike helmet.

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED!

Please call Officer Dilks at 636-349-8120 ext. 1123 to set up an appointment.



RIVERCHASE
FENTON
PARKS & RECREATION

2013 FENTON TRIATHLON

Join us for the Fenton Triathlon! All events start/stop at River-Chase.

Saturday, August 3
6 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Cost is \$50 per person
Includes a 300 yard swim, 13.5 mile bike ride & a 3.1 mile run



Awards will be given to the top three male and female finishers and top three finishers in each age group. If you have questions or wish to sign up, please contact Andy at the following:

areichert@fentonmo.org
636-343-0067

SPLASH BASH II

Join us for another great AFTER HOURS POOL PARTY!!! There will be a live DJ, swimming and the concession stand will be open. **Saturday, August 3rd from 8:00pm to 10:00pm.** Fee is \$4 for Fenton City Residents and \$5 for Non-Residents.

For information on any River-Chase program, including fees and times, contact RiverChase of Fenton at:

(636) 343-0067
www.fentonmo.org



FENTON DAYS

Join in the fun of “Fenton Days” on **Saturday, August 24, 2013.** This grand event will be held in Olde Towne Fenton. There will be Music, Children's Activities, Games, Washers Tournament and, of course, another spectacular Fireworks Display.

- Parade:** 10 am
- Festival:** 11 am to 9 pm
- Techno-Bubble Bus:** 1 pm to 4 pm
- Liquid Gold Band:** 2 pm to 5 pm
- Sammy J Balloons:** Noon to 4 pm
- Washers Tournament:** 3 pm
- MOCHIP Child Identification:** 11 am to 4 pm
- GTO (Good Times Oldies Band):** 6 pm to 9 pm
- FIREWORKS!!!**

Also, the Gypsy Rose Rolling Pirate Ship and Nitro Joe! And please remember, **No Outside Coolers, Glass or Alcohol Allowed!!!**

For more information, please contact the Fenton Days Committee at (636) 399-2505 or visit www.fentondays.com. A special “Thank You” to our Founders Day Sponsors for making this Festival possible: Dobb’s Tire and Auto, SSM St. Clare Health Center, Maritz, Fabick CAT, Olde Towne Fenton Business Association, Jim Butler Chevrolet and Grand Rental Station.

TRASH TALK

FREE YARD WASTE/TRASH OVERFLOW STICKERS



The Board of Aldermen has elected to increase to ten (10) free Yard Waste/Trash Overflow Stickers. There is still time to pick up yours if you have not done so! They are available to residents at City Hall, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



2013 FACC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, August 19th
Tapawingo National Golf Club
8:30am Registration • 10:00am Start

Participation, Sponsorship, Advertising, Volunteer, Donation Opportunities Still Available!

Visit our website to find out how YOU COULD WIN \$500!

Title Sponsor: **DOBBS**
TIRE & AUTO CENTERS

Other Sponsors: Fabick CAT • Andre's Banquet Facilities & Catering
Jim Butler Chevrolet • Mungenast St. Louis Motorsports

Interested? Contact the Chamber!
Call (636) 717-0200 or Visit us at
www.fentonmochamber.com

YARD WASTE PICK-UPS

The yard waste program is available all year long. All yard waste must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Mondays for pick up, except if the Monday is a holiday. Pick up will continue throughout the City until completion. At times, pick-up may carry over to Tuesdays and Wednesdays. City guidelines require all bags (recyclable paper yard waste bags) must be tagged and all bundles tied with twine and no longer than four (4) feet in length and 6” in diameter.



NEW BUSINESS CORNER



The following businesses have applied for an Occupancy Permit and are planning on calling Fenton “home”:

Allstate Insurance

536 Old Smizer Mill Road
(insurance sales)

American Cable & Telephone

318 Axminster
(warehouse & distribution of
cable TV & telephone equipment)

Camos & Hohnbaum, Inc.

519 Rudder Road, Ste. C
(showroom)

Koi Palace Buffet Restaurant

55 Fenton Plaza
(Chinese restaurant)

PD Innovative, LLC

889 Horan Drive
(manufacturer of hydraulic
presses & feed systems)

Smart Plumber Supply, LLC

749 Merus Court
(office & warehouse for
plumbing supply)

AMEREN'S SAVERS PROGRAM

Comfort is now more affordable! Take action and save using Ameren's Savers programs. Make all kinds of energy efficient improvements more affordable and save on energy in the future. Choose the best programs to meet your needs. Go to:



www.ameren.com

Look for the “Act on Energy” link. There, you will find information on their Residential Savers programs. Rebates, savings on CFLs and more!



TRIATHLON TRAFFIC REMINDERS

On Saturday, August 3, the City will host its Second Annual Fenton Triathlon. There will be some traffic restrictions around RiverChase, including the surrounding residential areas.

- **RiverChase:** Traffic around RiverChase will be restricted between 5:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- **Uthoff Subdivision:** Residents in the Uthoff subdivision are asked to use the west side of Uthoff Drive both entering and exiting the subdivision between 6:45-9:00 a.m. **Courtney Estates, Fleetwood Drive and Fleetwood Meadows Court Subdivision:** Between 6:10 - 8:30 a.m., access to and from the subdivisions will be limited due to Fenton Triathlon.

Please use caution during this time. Triathlon personnel will be available for assistance. The City of Fenton and RiverChase Staff thank you for your cooperation during this event.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

St. Louis City/County and Jefferson County residents can drop off household hazardous waste at the Lemay HHW Facility located at 291 E. Hoffmeister (on the grounds of the MSD's Lemay Waste Water Treatment Plant). **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!** Visit www.hhwstl.com and follow the instructions. If you do not have internet access, call the Special Event Service Line at (314) 615-8989. Proof of address can be a utility bill or driver's license.

FENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Join us for our monthly meetings at 7:00 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at 1 Church Street. The meetings are always open to the public. You may contact us at 636-326-0808.

FREE PERTUSSIS (WHOOPIING COUGH) VACCINES

The Saint Louis County Department of Health is going to be offering **FREE** pertussis vaccine at two clinics. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone be vaccinated against this disease, especially those who are around or are caregivers for infants. The two **FREE** vaccination clinics are for those 11 years of age and older (children younger than 11 should see their pediatrician). The dates, times, and locations for these two free vaccination clinics are:



Wednesday, July 24th, 2013:
John C. Murphy Health Center
6121 North Hanley Road in
Berkeley (63134)
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, July 29th, 2013:
South County Health Center
4580 South Lindbergh Boulevard in Sunset Hills (63127)
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

For more information about the clinics, visit:

[www.stlouisco.com/
HealthandWellness/
PertussisClinics](http://www.stlouisco.com/HealthandWellness/PertussisClinics)

**DECISIONS FROM THE
JUNE 25 & 27, 2013
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MEETINGS**

DECISIONS

- ✓ Approved the 2012 Audit.
- ✓ Approved an “Accelerated Structure” to refund the City’s Series 2004 Certificates of Participation.
- ✓ Approved changing the name of the existing Personnel/Public Relations Committee to “Personnel Committee”.
- ✓ Approved creation of a Community Affairs Committee.
- ✓ Approved the Mayor’s Committee Appointments to the Community Affairs Committee.
- ✓ Approved Applications for Liquor License Renewals for July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.
- ✓ Approved Applications for Tasting Permits for Shop ‘N Save, Viviano’s Festa Italiano, Inc. and Dierberg’s Fenton Crossing for July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.
- ✓ Approved Application for Temporary Liquor License for St. Paul Athletic Association for August 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2013.
- ✓ Approved Application Temporary Liquor License for St. Paul Athletic Association for August 16, 17 and 18, 2013.
- ✓ Approved Application for Amusement Licenses for Swing-A-Round Fun Town.
- ✓ Approved making CDBG Funds available to qualified residents until September 1, 2014 and applying any uncommitted funds to ADA projects.

- ✓ Approved appointment of Mayor Polizzi as the liaison to the Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce.
- ✓ Approved the City of Fenton joining the St. Louis County Municipal League.

ORDINANCES



- ✓ **Bill 13-29** Amends Section 466.020, Subsection C, Permitted Uses and Uses Allowed by Special Use Permit in the “OT-2” Zone District. **Bill Failed.**
- ✓ **#3331** Amends Section 475.030, Subsection G, Special Uses provided within the “BP-3” District, by repealing Section 475.030, Subsection G(11).
- ✓ **#3332** Approved a Special Use Permit petitioned by Sprint to modify an existing Telecommunications Facility at 2092-A Corporate 44 Drive.
- ✓ **Bill 13-35** Special Use Permit petitioned by JML Audio to operate an Auto Detailing Shop, excluding mechanical, painting and body work at 519 Rudder, Suite A. **Bill Failed.**
- ✓ **#3333** Approved the renewal of a Special Use Permit for Sprint PCS, 2092-A Corporate 44 Drive as approved by Ord. #2579.
- ✓ **#3334** Approved the renewal of a Special Use Permit for T-Mobile, 2229 Cassens Drive as approved by Ord. #2589.
- ✓ **#3335** Approved a Contract between the City of Fenton and L. F. Krupp Construction, Inc. d/b/a Krupp Construction for the construction of the Great Rivers Greenway/Fenton Trailhead Connection.

- ✓ **#3336** Approved a Maintenance Agreement between the City of Fenton and MSD for the Great Rivers Greenway/Fenton Trailhead Connection.

RESOLUTION

- ✓ **R13-07** Authorized the offering for sale of Certificates of Participation on behalf of the City of Fenton in connection with the refunding of the Certificates of Participation, Series 2004.



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To that end, the City has established a process that will allow for appropriate recognition of an individual, business or civic group, Board or Commission that has contributed a significant and useful service to the community.

Actions being recognized must benefit the City of Fenton or its residents in some manner. The individual must live or be employed within the Fenton City limits and the business or civic group must be located within the City limits.

Nomination forms were made available beginning July 1, 2013. To obtain a nominating form, contact City Clerk Diane Monteleone at (636) 343-2080. All nominations must be forwarded to the City Clerk at City Hall by September 30, 2013. A committee comprised of the Mayor, Board of Aldermen and the City Administrator will meet to review all nominations for a final decision. The award will be presented at the November Board of Aldermen Meeting.

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AUGUST

Thurs Aug 1 7:00 PM Historical Society/Swantrner House (#Church)
Thurs Aug 1 7:00 PM Board Committee Meetings
Mon Aug 5 6:30 PM Park Board
Wed Aug 7 7:00 PM Planning & Zoning Commission
Thurs Aug 8 7:00 PM Board Committee Meetings
Mon Aug 12 5:30 PM Municipal Court-Plea Date
Tues Aug 20 7:30 PM Board of Adjustment
Thurs Aug 22 7:00 PM Board of Aldermen

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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