

CITY OF FENTON—NEWS & VIEWS

DECEMBER—JANUARY 2014



MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The lights of the Christmas season dimmed Saturday, November 30. Fenton lost one of its greatest advocates, Harold G. Bade, a sitting Alderman in Ward 1. His loss came unexpectedly to his City and his family alike, and leaves a void in those of us who were privileged to call him neighbor and friend. Harold was a big man in stature. He was also a big man inside where it counts the most. He was big in kindness, big in generosity, and big in humor.

His loss was felt at the annual Appreciation Dinner for the City of Fenton the night after his passing. Several days later, our neighborhood had an annual Christmas party and his wife, Diane, decided that it should go on as planned because Harold would have wanted it that way. That was just the kind of man he was. He will be greatly missed.

The passing of Ward 1 Alderman Harold Bade leaves an aldermanic vacancy that needs to be filled for the rest of his term. Mr. Bade's term would have expired with the next municipal election in April 2014. The aldermanic appointment will run until the next elected Alderman is sworn in. If you are a resident of Ward 1, please contact me if you would be interested in serving Mr. Bade's unfinished term.

Fenton's budgetary items for 2014 were discussed this month. The main operating fund of the City is *The General Fund*. The revenues for this fund are projected to increase about \$124,000 from the 2013 fiscal year, due in part to an approximate \$150,000 increase in sales taxes in 2013 from the payoff of the TIF bonds for Gravois Bluffs.

Other funds in the 2014 Budget for the City of Fenton can be viewed on the City of Fenton's website after the Board approves the final budget.

I am looking forward to 2014 and all of the new possibilities it brings for Fenton! And as always, please feel free to contact me at mayormike@fentonmo.org or at 636-343-2080.

Sincerely, Mayor Mike

P.S.—I have been getting a lot of questions lately regarding progress on the former Chrysler Plant site. The developer, KP Development, is nearing the completion of Phase 2, Environmental Testing. Once the testing is complete, there will be a better idea of the next Phase. I will continue to share with you news of this property as it is received.

CITY HALL HOLIDAY HOURS

Tuesday, December 24: 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Wednesday, December 25: CLOSED

Tuesday, December 31: 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Wednesday, January 1: CLOSED

Monday, January 20: CLOSED



RIVERCHASE HOLIDAY HOURS

Tuesday, December 24: 5:30 a.m. to Noon

Open Swim: 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 25: CLOSED

Tuesday, December 31: 5:30 a.m. to Noon

Open Swim: 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 1: Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Open Swim: Noon to 4:00 p.m.

**RiverChase
Open House
(see page 3)**

ELECTION NOTICE CITY OF FENTON, MISSOURI ELECTION NOTICE

The City of Fenton will hold its annual General Election on **Tuesday, April 8, 2014**. Voters will elect four Aldermen, one each from the City's four wards, for two-year terms. 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 will open on **Tuesday, December 17, 2013, at 8:00 a.m.** and will close on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Forms for filing will be provided by the City of Fenton, Office of the City Clerk, 625 New Smizer Mill Road.

For more information, contact City Clerk Diane Monteleone, MMC/MPCC at (636)343-2080.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

On **Tuesday, January 7, 2014**, 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: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A Petition by Bell Missouri, LLC, for a Special Use Permit to operate a drive-through facility at 611 Gravois Road. The parcel is zoned “OT-2” Olde Towne Family Entertainment/Commercial Zone District.
- A Petition by Gravois Bluffs East 8B, LLC, to amend SECTION 466.030(C) of the Zoning Code to include “Automotive detailing and service facility including on-site outdoor storage of vehicles being serviced by the facility, operating in conjunction with a franchise dealership” as a use allowed by Special Use Permit within the “OT-3” Olde Towne Mixed Use Zone District.
- A Petition by Gravois Bluffs East 8B, LLC, for Jim Butler to operate an automotive detailing and service facility, including on-site outdoor storage of vehicles being serviced by the facility, at 601 Gravois Bluffs Boulevard. The property is zoned “OT-3” Olde Towne Mixed Use Zone District.
- A Petition by Emmenegger, LLC, to amend the Planned Unit Development (PUD) for The Estates of Uthoff Valley, approved by Ordinance 2899, to consolidate two existing lots into one lot. The properties are addressed as 1420 and 1422 Uthoff Farm Trail and are zoned “R-2” Single-Family Residential/PUD.

SITE PLAN REVIEW:

- A Petition by Dennis Pruitt representing Mercy for Site Plan Review of a proposed pharmacy drive-through facility at 1203 Smizer Mill Road. The parcel is zoned “C-2” Neighborhood Commercial District.
- A Petition by Michael Velloff representing Koch Development Co. for Site Plan Review of proposed exterior building modification to an existing building at 240 Larkin Williams Industrial Court. The parcel is zoned “BP-3” Business Park – General Office Centers, Small Warehousing District.

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



LIGHTING CEREMONY

A great big THANK YOU to the Uthoff Valley Special Chorus! The kids provided wonderful holiday music for the Lighting Ceremony at City Hall on Friday, November 22.

MSD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The contractor for the MSD Sanitary Sewer replacement project has started stockpiling material in the City of Fenton Park. The areas being affected include the eastern section of the bike path running parallel to Larkin Williams (River Road) and the northern section of the bike path running parallel to Larkin Williams. Replacement of the Sewer pipe is expected to continue through this area the next eight to ten weeks. Please use caution while the work is being performed.



NEW BUSINESS CORNER

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



DNT

2275 Cassens Court, Suite 142
(warehousing of copier equipment)

2014 FACC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce (FACC) 2014 Scholarship Applications are now available! The FACC Scholarship Program provides local high school graduates with funds towards continuing their formal education. Since 1989, the FACC has awarded over \$223,500 to 283 high school grads. Applications can be retrieved at most area high schools through their guidance/counseling offices or by contacting the Chamber Office directly. They may also be picked up from the Chamber Office by the applicant him/herself. Applications can also be found on line at the website address below. Completed applications must be dropped off at or mailed to the Chamber Office, post-marked by February 28, 2014. Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who plan to attend a college, university, technical or trade school. All applicants MUST reside in the 63026 zip code, including the City of Fenton, Unincorporated St. Louis County and Unincorporated Jefferson County. Scholarship award winners will be recognized at the annual Scholarship Luncheon. For more information, contact the Chamber Office.



(636) 717-0200

www.fentonmochamber.com

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



FENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Are you prepared if your vehicle were to break down in the snow today. Could you walk to a stranger's house or to the closest store? What if you are in a desolate area and your car runs off the road? Packing an Emergency Kit for the trunk of your car can make your grim situation a little more bearable.



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Emergency Kit for the

trunk of your car can make your grim situation a little more bearable.

EMERGENCY KIT:

- Flares and/or flashlight
- Reflective triangle or cones
- Distress sign
- Telephone change
- First aid supplies
- Basic tools
- Fully charged cell phone
- Inflated spare tire
- Proper tools to change a tire

RECOMMENDED ITEMS:

- Boots
- Hat, coat and gloves
- Jumper cables
- Carpet strips, sand or kitty litter for traction
- Ice scraper and brush
- Blanket
- Food and water

**Neighborhood Policing Officer
Officer Aaron Dilks**
(636) 349-8120, ext. 1123
Precinct Phone
(636) 349-8120

Thanks to all who visited us on December 7 and for making our Annual Christmas Open House a success. We greeted old friends and welcomed many new visitors. It was cold outside, but inside the beautifully decorated museum it was warm and cozy with good cheer and good conversation.



We would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous Holiday Season and may good health and happiness be yours in 2014.

Be sure and join us for our first meeting of the new year on Thursday, January 2 at #1 Church Street. Call us at 636-326-0808 for information about the Fenton Historical Society.

RIVERCHASE OPEN HOUSE

Join us for a **FREE** day at RiverChase from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 1, 2014**. Jump in the indoor pool, take a plunge down our two-story water slide or soak in the hot tub! FREE Zumba demonstrations—in and out of the water! Kids can show off their basketball skills with a contest in the gym! DJ Russ Hilton will be playing the tunes and Miss Kim will be face painting! Lots to do! Great membership and program specials available! We will have FREE refreshments and give-a-ways! Don't miss a chance to enjoy RiverChase and see all that we have to offer your family!

TRASH & RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please note that only the recycling pickups will be delayed this year. **Please remember ... wrapping paper and cardboard boxes are recyclable, but Styrofoam and plastic bags are not!**



CHRISTMAS WEEK

Trash Monday, December 23

Recycling Friday, December 27

NEW YEARS WEEK

Trash Monday, December 30

Recycling Friday, January 3

And as always, to view acceptable items and holiday schedules, please visit Christian Environmental Services' website at:

www.christianenvironmentalservices.com/pickup_fenton.php

SALES TAX REDISTRIBUTIONS TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR OCTOBER 2013

The amount of sales tax redistributed back to St. Louis County for October 2013 is shown on the chart below.

"A" Sales Tax Summary		"B" (Pool) Sales Tax Summary		Combined Sales Tax Summary	
Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed
\$352,207	\$185,060 (52.5%)	\$83,807	\$79,601 (95.0%)	\$436,014	\$264,661 (60.7%)

Total monthly sales tax generated was \$436,014, and the amount redistributed was \$264,661 or 60.7%. The total amount redistributed for 2013 is \$2,323,848.

AMEREN ALERT

SCAM ALERT from Ameren Missouri. Thieves have been calling some of our customers and demanding payment of their electric bill over the phone or risk disconnection. Often, they'll insist on payment by a Green Dot MoneyPak card. Don't fall for this scheme. Once you give a thief the Personal Information Number (PIN) from the card, your money is gone.

- Ameren Missouri representatives never call to demand payment. We never ask for personal information—such as Social Security number or account number—over the phone.
- Never give your credit card, debit card, Social Security, ATM, checking or savings account numbers to anyone who calls or sends an email requesting this information.
- Never allow anyone into your home or business who wants to check your electrical wiring, natural gas pipes or appliances unless you have scheduled an appointment or have reported a natural gas leak and the person has proper identification.
- Ameren Missouri employees always carry photo identification, which includes name, employee number and an official Ameren Missouri logo.

If you suspect someone is impersonating an Ameren Missouri employee, end the conversation and immediately call Ameren Missouri at (800) 552-7583.

GARAGE SALE



RiverChase will be hosting a **Community Indoor Garage Sale** on **Saturday, February 15** from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Registration is required. Please call (636) 343-0067 for more information.



PARKS & RECREATION HAPPENINGS

For information on any RiverChase program, including fees and times, call **RiverChase of Fenton at (636) 343-0067** or visit www.fentonmo.org.

LOSE TO WIN CHALLENGE

Join our contest to see who will lose the largest amount of body weight percentage. The winner will win a free membership to RiverChase. Contests for households and individuals. Space is limited so sign up now. For fees, dates please contact RiverChase.



TOTAL BODY BLAST

This new class is designed to work your entire body with circuit training using resistant weight machines. This class will work your cardio respiratory system as well as the muscular strength endurance system. For fees, dates please contact RiverChase.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

This six-week league for ages 8 to 11 will be held at RiverChase from February 15 to March 22. Games will be played on Saturdays. League will be governed by USVB/house rules. All participants receive a team t-shirt. This is a game only league, no practices. Coaches are needed and will receive FREE registration credit at the end of the season. Registration due by February 1. For fees, more information, please contact RiverChase.



INDOOR WIFFLEBALL TOURNAMENT

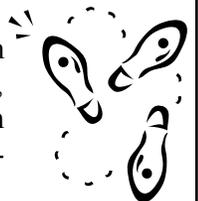
This double elimination tournament (house rules) on Saturday, February 15 at Noon will be held at RiverChase. Teams will consist of three players. All equipment will be provided. Tournament winners will receive a Championship plaque! Fee: \$54 per team.

PICKLEBALL LEAGUE AND SUNDAY FUN DAY

This Pickleball league is for beginners and advanced players. There are no standings or commitments. There's also a Sunday Fun Day option. For details, fees and dates please contact RiverChase.

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Join us Saturday, February 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m. DJ Russ Hilton will be there to supply the music and entertainment. Dancing, refreshments, crafts, giveaways and pictures of each girl with their special guy. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Fills fast! For fees, please contact RiverChase.



SENIOR STRUTTERS PERFORMANCE

Friday, February 7 from 1:30—3:30 p.m. The Senior Strutters will perform fast-tapping, precision dance routines and high kicking chorus lines with style and glamour. Snacks, sweets and beverages included. Registration is required. Fee is \$6.00 per person.

SENIOR MARDI GRAS

Friday, February 28 from 5:30—7:30 p.m. Come Celebrate Mardi Gras with a night of music, dinner and dancing! A prize will be awarded to the best dress. Registration is required. Fee is \$10 per person.

DECISIONS FROM THE NOVEMBER 12, 14, 21, 25 AND DECEMBER 5 & 12 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

DECISIONS

- ✓ Approved request to seek Request for Proposals for IT Services.
- ✓ Approved request to select Oppenheimer at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 to perform the final calculation of the 2004 Certificates of Participation.
- ✓ Presented the John Fabick Community Service Award to Ruthie Brown.
- ✓ Appreciation Plaque given to Chuck Jahneke for his years of service on the Park, Beautification and Recreation Committee.
- ✓ Approved a request from Ronald E. Emmenegger to release escrow in the amount of \$10,898.70 for the Estates of Uthoff Valley.
- ✓ Approved request to renew the contract with Lifeguards Unlimited.
- ✓ Approved request to seek bids for Grass Mowing Services for 2014.
- ✓ Approved request to seek bids for Slab Replacement in February 2014.
- ✓ Approved request to reject bids received for painting of the Navajo.
- ✓ Approved request to allocate \$50,000 in the budget for employee raises.
- ✓ Approved request to advertise the 2014 Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Program in the News & Views.
- ✓ Approved request to waive fees for meeting room space at RiverChase for the Precinct Holiday Party.
- ✓ Approved request to seek bids for insurance policies held by the City.
- ✓ Approved request to seek bids for newsletter printing services.

ORDINANCES

- ✓ **#3364** Approved an agreement with MMI, LLC for the boiler replacement at RiverChase.
- ✓ **#3365** Approved amending Section 465.010 (C) declaring the addition of a Use allowed by Special Use Permit in the "R-1" Single-Family Residential Zone District.
- ✓ **#3366** Approved authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract for the purchase of real property from Sigaford Stevens, located at 857 Larkin Williams Road in the amount of \$2,750.00.
- ✓ **#3367** Approved a contract in the amount of \$2,200 with Miken Technologies for emergency technology support.
- ✓ **#3368** Approved granting an easement at 826 Larkin Williams Road to the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District.
- ✓ **#3369** Approved granting an easement at 949 Larkin Williams Road to the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District.



NO COST HOME REPAIRS

NO COST Home Improvement for Fenton Low/Moderate Income Residents.

St. Louis County Government's Home Improvement Program may be able to help you with up to \$5,000 worth of repairs to your home at NO COST TO YOU. Eligible items would be concrete, tuck-pointing, roofing, tree trimming or removal, electric, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and foundation work.

To be eligible, your property taxes have to be current and you must meet the adjusted gross income guidelines of 2012:



Family of 1—less than \$38,750
Family of 2—less than \$44,300
Family of 3—less than \$49,850
Family of 4—less than \$55,350
Family of 5—less than \$59,800
Family of 6—less than \$64,250
Family of 7—less than \$68,650
Family of 8—less than \$73,100

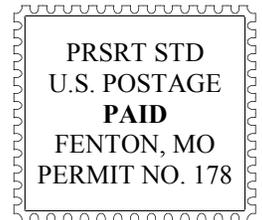
The Home Improvement Program is federally funded and operates through St. Louis County Government's Department of Planning in conjunction with the City of Fenton.

To apply, please call Debby at (314) 615-4025. TTY (314) 615-4001.

JOHN FABICK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

At the Thursday, November 21st Board of Aldermen Meeting, Mayor Michael D. Polizzi presented the John Fabick Community Service Award to **Ruthie Brown.**

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



Deliver by Thursday, December 26, 2013

JANUARY

Wed Jan 1 City Hall Offices Closed
Wed Jan 1 1:00 PM RiverChase Open House (see p. 3)
Thurs Jan 2 7:00 PM Historical Society/Swanthner House (#1 Church)
Mon Jan 6 6:30 PM Park Board (City Hall)
Tues Jan 7 7:00 PM Planning & Zoning Commission
Thurs Jan 9 7:00 PM Board Committee Meetings
Mon Jan 13 5:30 PM Municipal Court—Plea Date
Mon Jan 20 City Hall Offices Closed
Thurs Jan 23 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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