

# CITY OF FENTON—NEWS & VIEWS

JANUARY—FEBRUARY 2015



## MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are eager to start 2015 with great ideas and great choices.

The promise of a new year brings great choices to us all. How we regard them and how we act upon them is what makes the difference. 2015 brings not only a new year for me, but a new decade, as well. The world is such an amazing place – just when I hit the big 6 – 0, it seems that 60 has become the new 40! I feel very blessed, and look forward to new experiences and adventures that this gentle age will provide!

Along with my entering a new decade, the City of Fenton is also entering a new era: KP Development – the owners of Fenton Logistics Park (the former Chrysler site) – will begin construction for its first tenant: Retail Technology Group. It will be housed in a 165,000 square foot building. The company anticipates 200 employees at opening, with a projection of possibly 400 in the near future.

As we go forward with this great new project in the City, we should also remember the past. Many current families have lived in Fenton for over half a century. If your family falls into this category, please contact me, as we will be adding to this information over the next several months.

Many of our ‘oldest’ families’ memories are visible in roads named after them – including Larkin Williams (who was one person), Murray Hill, Goode, Bowles, Smizer, and Vandover. Many of these families started here as farmers and have family members who still call Fenton home. The Goodes fall into this category. Murray Hill Drive is named after her father’s family.

The next great wave came in the early 1960s – and many of those families still live here today! Linda Jesse is a member of one of those families. Her family stayed in Fenton, she said, because it was a small, friendly city with the conveniences of a larger city.

Many families have their homes and their businesses in Fenton. Michael Weil (1851 – 1923), a German immigrant, arrived in Fenton in 1886 and opened a butcher shop. His descendants still reside in Fenton. The Ratherts moved here in the late 1950s to open his office and stayed, making this also their home. Al said they made the choice to raise their kids here, and stayed because Fenton is a great community!

I agree. Fenton is a warm, caring community. Please continue to send me your family’s Fenton Stories. It allows me to get to know you better, and I feel it will help everyone appreciate our community and its people even more.

Mayor Mike

## ELECTION NOTICE

The City of Fenton will hold its annual General Election on **Tuesday, April 7, 2015**. Filing for elective office closed on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Voters will elect a Mayor for a two-year term and 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. The following is a list of candidates, as of January 14, that will appear on the ballot in the order they filed:

### MAYOR

Michael D. Polizzi  
13374 Wintergreen Estates Drive

### ALDERMAN—WARD 1

Andrew Sobey  
734 River Hills Drive

### ALDERMAN—WARD 2

Wes Verble  
342 Chrysler Drive

### ALDERMAN—WARD 3

Darlys Preslar  
1654 Somerset Ridge

Chris Claus  
886 San Sebastian Drive

### ALDERMAN—WARD 4

James Mauller  
1500 Bowles

Vera J. Glick  
1290 Horan Drive

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

## VOTER REGISTRATION REMINDER

**March 11** is the last day to register to vote or change your voter registration prior to the **April 7** election. For sign up information, contact the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners at (314) 615-1800.



**PLANNING & ZONING  
COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**

As there are no items for review, the Planning & Zoning Meeting for February has been cancelled. For more information, please call Community Development at (636) 349-8110.



**OLD GRAVOIS ROAD  
REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**Old Gravois Road Replacement—Phase I**

In 2013, the City was awarded a grant through East-West Gateway for the engineering and construction for Phase I, consisting of the replacement of Gravois Road from Water Street to Ferry Street. Design work will begin this year with the construction expected to begin in 2017.

**Old Gravois Road Replacement—Phase II**

In February 2015, the City will be applying for a federal grant (pending Board approval on January 22, 2015) through East-West Gateway for the reconstruction of Old Gravois Road Phase 2 from Ferry Street to Highway 141. It is expected that the City will be notified if the Grant was awarded by late spring to early summer.

**MSD SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT**

The construction of the replacement sanitary pipe through Fenton is nearing completion. The tunneling under Ferry Street has been completed. Missouri American Water has completed the reconnection of the water main at Ferry Street and Water Street. The restoration to Ferry Street will be completed as soon as weather allows. Although the construction is close to being complete, there are areas of restoration that will need to be addressed. Thank you for your continued patience as MSD completes this project.



**BE SNOW READY**

With winter weather here, your cooperation and assistance is needed during snow emergencies. In order to facilitate efficient and total clearing of pavement when snow advisories are announced or as snow begins to fall, please refrain from parking vehicles in the street. This is particularly important in cul-de-sacs and areas with narrow streets.



**CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY  
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**NEW BUSINESS CORNER**

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



**Benco Dental**

639 Gravois Bluffs Boulevard, Suite I  
*(administrative office for distributor of dental supplies and equipment)*

**Budrovich Specialty Group, LLC**

551 Wolfner Drive  
*(warehouse/sheet metal fabrication)*

**Celtic Healthcare of E. Mo., LLC**

1653 Larkin Williams Road  
*(administrative office for home based care company)*

**Foremost Fitness Group, LLC**

232 Axminster Drive  
*(warehousing of fitness equipment and parts)*

**MAC Polishing Co., Inc.**

769 Merus Court  
*(administrative office and warehouse for wholesale of electric buffing equipment)*

**MDM Machine & Technology, Inc.**

1607 Manufacturers Drive  
*(machine shop)*

**WINTER WEATHER SAFETY**

As colder temperatures sweep through the area, Fenton is urging people to use caution when near any body of water. As ice forms, the surface thickness, on these bodies of water is variable and should be avoided. It is extremely dangerous!!

- ◆ Please do not venture onto the ice.
- ◆ No ice should ever be considered safe.
- ◆ Remember to keep your dog on a leash this time of year.
- ◆ Watch your children who are near bodies of water or ice.

Thank you for your attention and steer clear of the ice.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**City Hall will be closed on  
Monday, February 16  
for Presidents’ Day**



**ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE—FENTON PRECINCT****WORLD BIRD SANCTUARY DONATION BOX**

It is evident that Fenton area citizens love to help out any cause and are a very giving group of people. For the past couple of years, a Shoeman Water Projects shoe collection box has been doing great in the City Hall Lobby but will soon be removed. We are going to begin a collection box for other organizations in the area. We will start with the World Bird Sanctuary located next to Lone Elk Park. The sanctuary operates solely off donations. Recently they have put out a “Wish List” of items they need at their facility. These items are what we will be collecting in our collection box. Please explore their website for more information and the full “Wish List”:



[www.worldbirdsanctuary.org/index.php/support/wishlist](http://www.worldbirdsanctuary.org/index.php/support/wishlist)

Examples: 3/8 inch-diameter sisal rope, 30 gallon trash bags, AAA batteries, bleach, paper towels, Ziploc bags, reusable plastic containers, latex gloves, duct tape, Clorox or other antibacterial wipes

**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION**

Please join us on **Saturday, February 7, 2015** at 6:30 p.m. at #1 Mera-mec Bluffs for a fun evening of trivia and a silent auction. Price is \$10 per person and all proceeds benefit the St. Louis County Police Explorer Post 9774. Please contact Police Officer Dusty Poncin at 314-615-0715 for reservations/questions.

**CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY**

The St. Louis County Police Department, Fenton and West County Precincts, will sponsor a “Citizen Police Academy.” The academy will begin in February and will run for eight consecutive Wednesdays, with graduation in April. Classes will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The exact dates will be announced ASAP. For additional information or to reserve a seat, please contact Officer Aaron Dilks at 636-349-8120 or Officer Vincent Bazzoni at 314-615-0700.

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

*The February sunshine steeps your boughs  
and tints the buds and swells the leaves within.*

— William C. Bryant

**COMMUNITY INDOOR  
GARAGE SALE**

**Saturday, April 25**

**9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Register to be a part of the largest sale yet at RiverChase! Reserve a 6 ft. x 3 ft. table and sell anything from toys to crafts. Event is open to the public. Reserve more than one table to sell more! Fee: \$19/table for Resident or Member. \$22/table all others. Contact RiverChase for details, exclusions, and other information: (636) 343-0067. **\*\* Please note REVISED date as shown above \*\***

**MY SILLY VALENTINE DANCE**

Dance the night away at River-Chase and have the time of your lives. Girls, bring your Dad, Step-Dad, Uncle or Grandpa for an evening you will cherish! Boys, bring your Mom, Step-Mom, Aunt or Grandma. Kids, feel free to dress as your favorite super hero or princess. Dance is Saturday, February 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Event includes nacho bar, root beer floats, live DJ, dance-off, “Cupid Shuffle”, Valentine pictures and a memento for each child. Fee: \$12/person. Ages 3 and up.

**DID YOU MISS IT?**

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**SALES TAX REDISTRIBUTIONS TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR DECEMBER 2014**

“A” Sales Tax Summary		“B” (Pool) Sales Tax Summary		Combined Sales Tax Summary	
Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed
\$517,347	\$288,471 (55.8%)	\$190,820	\$185,296 (97.1%)	\$708,166	\$473,767 (66.9%)

The above chart shows the amount of sales tax redistributed back to St. Louis County for the month of December 2014. The total amount redistributed for 2014 is \$4,212,328 (66.9%).

## PARKS & RECREATION HAPPENINGS



For more information on any of the events/classes listed below, please call RiverChase at (636) 343-0067 or visit our website, [www.fentonmo.org](http://www.fentonmo.org).

### D.I.P. (DROP IN PICKLEBALL)

Take advantage of this drop in rate to play one of the fastest growing sports in the United States! Pickleball is a sport that is easy to learn and fun to play! Drop in fee does not include use of other RiverChase amenities. Pickleballs will be provided. Games are held in the RiverChase gymnasium. Pickleball continues to run **through April 30 on Tuesday and Thursdays**, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. for beginners and 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for advanced. Fee: \$3.00 per day.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE (18 AND OLDER)

This (4) four-week league will be held at RiverChase gymnasium on Wednesday evenings. This league is limited to (5) five teams. Get your team signed up early! Winners will receive championship t-shirts. Start date: February 11. Registration deadline: February 4. Game times start at 6:00 p.m. Fee: \$200.00 per team.



### ADULT MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND COED SOFTBALL

All leagues will begin in April. Men's / Coed leagues are offered Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday. Women's league is offered on Wednesdays only. League information will be updated on our website. We offer competitive and recreational leagues. Must be 18 years or older to participate in leagues.

### LOSE TO WIN CHALLENGE

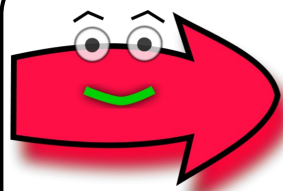
A contest for individuals or household (2 people) to see who can lose the highest amount of body weight percentage in 8 weeks. The winner of each contest will win a free annual membership to RiverChase.

Household: Monday, February 2 to Monday, March 30. Cost is \$120 per team of two.

Individual: Monday, February 9 to Monday, April 6. Cost is \$60 per person.

### HIGH INTENSITY CIRCUIT TRAINING

Complete your cardio and strength training workout in only 30 minutes. Classes are Tuesday evenings from 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Next session runs March 10 - April 28. Fees: \$25 Residents or Members / \$30 Non-Members.



**JOB OPENING ...** RiverChase is currently seeking a Recreation Associate IV (Interpreter—Sign Language). Please visit the Employment Opportunities page of the City's website for more details.

[www.fentonmo.org](http://www.fentonmo.org)

### GROUP CYCLING - NEW

Classes will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings; as well as Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting January 5. Call RiverChase for a schedule of times. Fees: \$39 Residents and RC Members / \$47 Non-Members.



### SENIOR LUNCH & BINGO

Wednesday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be Creamy Peppercorn Chicken. Registration required.

### SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP

(Ages 5 to 12) Register today for a week of fun with games, activities, craft time, swimming and more every day! Limited space! Camp runs March 16-20, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Fee: \$110 Resident or Member / \$125 Non-Member. Registration after March 11 will be subject to a \$20 late registration fee. Before and after camp care is also available. Call for details.

### HATS OFF TO DR. SEUSS!

Preschoolers, ages 3—5, join us as we celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America Day! We will have craft time, story time, activities and a snack! Monday, March 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Fee: \$10 per child. NO CHARGE for adults!

### HOT MAMAS STROLLER FIT CAMP

Whether you are a new mama or a veteran mama, if you have a stroller, we have the class for you! This class will help build your cardio endurance, sculpt your tummies, legs, glutes and arms while you are having fun with your babies by your side.



Classes are Thursdays, February 27 to April 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Fees: \$66 Residents or Members / \$77 Non-Members.

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RIVERCHASE  
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## DECISIONS FROM THE DECEMBER 18, 2014 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

### DECISIONS

- ✓ Approved a site plan by Rob Tabeling of D.F. Chase, Inc., representing Estes Express, for a proposed building addition at 205 Soccer Park Road.
- ✓ Approved Cunningham, Vogel & Rost to review revisions to the Subdivision Regulations and hold requesting proposals for Planning Services to provide assistance in revising the Municipal Zoning Code and developing a Comprehensive Plan for an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00.
- ✓ Presented a Career Achievement Award to Wayne Jones, Mechanic, for his ten years of service with the City of Fenton.
- ✓ Approved the Mayor's appointment of Ken Weldele, Ward 1, to the City's Park, Beautification & Recreation Committee.
- ✓ Approved a budget adjustment to include \$7,000.00 for City Attorney review of the Subdivision Regulation.

### ORDINANCES

- ✓ **#3478** Ord. amending Chapter 515, Floodway Floodplain Management, of the Municipal Code.
- ✓ **#3479** Ord. approving a new Letter of Credit and extending the term of the Escrow Agreement for the Estates of Uthoff Valley.
- ✓ **#3480** Ord. approving a one-year Agreement, with an option to renew for four additional one-year terms, between the City and Lifeguards Unlimited, Inc. for Aquatic Services.
- ✓ **#3481** Ord. approving a one-year Maintenance Agreement with Office Source, Inc. for the Canon Copier at RiverChase.
- ✓ **#3482** Ord. approving an Agreement between the City and AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. for Engineering Design Services for the Old Gravois Road Phase I Project.
- ✓ **#3483** Ord. approving the 2015 Budget for the City.
- ✓ **#3484** Ord. authorizing the City to execute an extension and amendment to the Agreement with Hochschild, Bloom & Company LLP to provide the City Financial Services.
- ✓ **#3485** Ord. amending Section 205.245, "Weapons—Carry Concealed—Other Unlawful Use," of the Municipal Code to comply with Senate Bill 656 as it relates to open carry.



## MORE RIVERCHASE

### ROCKIN' DOO WOP FOR ADULTS / SENIORS

No Plans on a Friday night? You don't have to go far for good old rock and roll. Come to RiverChase on **Friday, February 27, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** for a night of dinner, dancing and fun! The Backstreet Cruisers will be entertaining with excellent cover songs of such musical greats as Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, the Temptations and many more of your favorites. This is feel-good music that is guaranteed to put a smile on your face and make you feel like a teenager again! Cost is \$12 per person and includes dinner. Pre-registration is required.



### KEEPING UP WITH RIVERCHASE

Keep up with us online! Get the latest Fenton Parks and Recreation/RiverChase updates, cancellations and program information!



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[www.facebook.com/  
FentonParks](http://www.facebook.com/FentonParks)

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[@FentonParks](https://twitter.com/FentonParks)

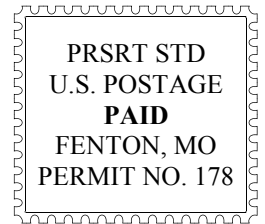


### 2015 SUMMER CAMP

2015 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 2!! The entire month of March is our early bird special! Receive \$5 off every week of camp you sign up for!



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



**Deliver by Friday, January 23, 2015**

## FEBRUARY

Mon	Feb 2	6:30 PM	Park Board (City Hall)
Thur	Feb 5	7:00 PM	Board Committee Meetings
Thur	Feb 5	7:00 PM	Historical Society/Swantner House (#1 Church Street)
Mon	Feb 9	5:30 PM	Municipal Court – Plea Date
Thur	Feb 12	7:00 PM	Board Committee Meetings
Mon	Feb 16		City Hall Offices Closed
Tue	Feb 17	7:00 PM	Board of Adjustment
Mon	Feb 23	5:30 PM	Municipal Court – Trial Date
Thur	Feb 26	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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