

CITY OF FENTON—NEWS & VIEWS

JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2016



MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

What a way to start the new year! It will take time for the full assessment to be completed as to the amount of damage done by the flood that overcame our community in the week between Christmas and New Year's Day.

The weather forecasters got it right: the flood was historic in contemporary times. Here in Fenton, the river rose to a historic crest. For those who did not venture out to see, the water 'ended' at the stop light in front of Fenton Plaza. At Fenton Soccer Park, the bleachers were almost entirely underwater. And, as we have all heard, the sewage waste treatment facility, also underwater, was disabled and malfunctioning.

Other areas impacted were parts of Fenton Plaza, Opps Lane, Riverside Subdivision and Golf Course, Montevale Court, parts of Wintergreen Estates, Fenton City Park, and businesses in Olde Towne Fenton.

The extent of the damage and loss is overwhelming. At the soccer park, most of the bleacher seats and buildings were damaged. Astroturf – in rolls – has been washing up along Larkin Williams and Yarnell Roads. The Meramec Greenway Trail is covered in sand/sludge from the inundation of water from the Meramec.

Fenton Public Works did an outstanding job – working long, exhausting hours assessing situations as they arose, and doing their best to find solutions to each. For instance, Riverside Subdivision's two entrances were impassable. This means that not only were the residents living on a temporary island, but also, emergency vehicles would have no access to the subdivision. Fenton Public Works built a temporary gravel road into the subdivision to help in this situation.

Fenton Fire Protection District also placed a fire truck and crew in Riverside Subdivision overnight to guarantee the residents that emergency services, if needed, would be available.

During the time that the land line telephones and 911 capabilities were turned off, both the Fire Department and Police Department stepped up their patrolling – driving continually through the different neighborhoods to ensure residents could be in contact with emergency services if needed.

I would like to give a huge 'thank you' to everyone mentioned above, and also to our Aldermen and City of Fenton staff, who stepped up during this event.

Yet, amid all of this devastation, Fenton residents ~ and people in general ~ continue to amaze me. We had the need to issue a last minute plea via the media for sand-baggers, and they came out. Some with interests/ties to Fenton and others who had no ties to our community, but came to help just because that is the kind of people they are.

As we move forward from this natural disaster, please check the www.ElectricalConnection.org website for tips regarding safety issues in situations like this.

We came through this historic flood with no lives lost. That is a good thing.

My beautiful mother, Pasqualina Polizzi, was called home to Heaven on Friday, January 8, 2016. In her long life, she touched many people with her caring and selfless and unconditional love. Her loss is a heartache I will carry with me forever. It is the hardest pain I have known.

For those of you whose mothers have passed, I pray for you all and share now in your grief. For those who are blessed to still have your moms here, remember to never take that blessing for granted. In an instant, it may only be memories.

With Gratitude, Mayor Mike

VOTER REGISTRATION REMINDER

March 9 is the last day to register to vote or change your voter registration prior to the **April 5** election. For sign up information, contact the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners at (314) 615-1800.



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**PLANNING & ZONING
COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The regularly scheduled February meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission has been CANCELLED.

All of the following items continued during the January 5th meeting will be forwarded to the **Tuesday, March 1st** meeting:



- ✓ A Petition by BC Construction, on behalf of Thirty & 141, LP, for Site Plan Review of a proposed private commercial driveway and graded site pad at 199 Gravois Bluffs Plaza Drive and 198 Gravois Bluffs Circle, located in the City of Fenton, St. Louis County; and on a parcel as identified as 02-2.0-03.0-1-002-001 located in Unincorporated Jefferson County. The parcels located within the City of Fenton, St. Louis County, which are the only parcels subject to this review, are zoned “C-1” Commercial Zone District.
- ✓ Consideration of amendments to the Zoning Code pertaining to Sign Regulations.
- ✓ Consideration of amendments to the Zoning Code pertaining to Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses and related definitions.

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

NEW BUSINESS CORNER

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



Bella Designs — 236 Axminister Drive
(online retail/wholesale; manufacturers of apparel, tee shirts, and embellished products)

ELECTION NOTICE

The City of Fenton will hold its annual General Election on **Tuesday, April 5, 2016**. 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 opened on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. and will close on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 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.

The following is a list of candidates, as of January 15, 2016, that will appear on the ballot in the order they filed:

ALDERMAN—WARD 1

Diane Bade
747 River Hills Drive

ALDERMAN—WARD 2

Joe Maurath
1350 Larkin Williams Road

ALDERMAN—WARD 3

Daniel C. Borgard
936 Villa Gran Way

ALDERMAN—WARD 4

Richard Patton
1714 San Martin Drive

Darlys Preslar
1654 Somerset Ridge

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

SALES TAX REDISTRIBUTIONS TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR DECEMBER 2015

“A” Sales Tax Summary		“B” (Pool) Sales Tax Summary		Combined Sales Tax Summary	
Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed
\$567,593	\$317,089 (55.9%)	\$258,258	\$252,335 (97.7%)	\$825,851	\$569,424 (68.9%)

The estimated total amount of sales tax redistributed to St. Louis County for 2015 this far is \$4,477,230 (65.5%).



FENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Fenton Historical Society will be held on Thursday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.

The Fenton Historical Society is located at #1 Church Street in Olde Towne Fenton. For more information, contact us at: (636) 326-0808 or visit www.fentonhistory.com.

FROM ST. LOUIS COUNTY

St. Louis County's Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program offers NO-COST home improvements to help keep your children safe. For information regarding qualifications, income guidelines, improvements available, etc. please contact Bradley Waller at (314) 615-4428 or bwaller@stlouisco.com.



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ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE FENTON PRECINCT

What to do if you are involved in an Accident

Stay calm. Check to see if anyone is injured. If you have a cell phone, DIAL 911 if an emergency or (636) 529-8210 for non-emergency. Make sure to tell the dispatcher your exact location. Once you give the dispatcher your location, stay on the line—you might need to be transferred to another police agency. The more exact of a location you can give, the quicker an officer will arrive. (*Example: I am eastbound on I-44, west of the Bowles exit.*) State law requires the parties involved to exchange information like name, address, phone number, insurance information. Try to obtain the policy number and agent's name because it really helps later.



Want crime updates emailed to you as soon as they occur?

Become part of the Neighborhood Watch Program for the Fenton area by sending in your request via email to Officer Aaron Dilks at adilks@stlouisco.com. You will receive weekly Fenton crime summaries, crime tips, and immediate pertinent crime information. You will also be notified of any upcoming police related events, fundraisers, and community gatherings. We hope to hear from you!

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

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.

FENTON SAYS "THANK YOU"

The City of Fenton would like to thank everyone who assisted our City, our residents and our businesses during the recent historic flooding. We continue to hear stories of neighbors helping neighbors, strangers driving from far and wide, and many, many others. We are also still working to obtain an accurate listing of businesses, companies and organizations who donated items, equipment, etc. during the flooding and the clean-up effort that we can include in the February—March edition of the "News & Views" Newsletter. Until that time, we wanted you ALL to know that your efforts did not go unnoticed and we appreciate your support.

DECISIONS FROM THE DECEMBER 21, 2015 AND JANUARY 14, 2016 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

DECISIONS

- ✓ Approved the Mayor's appointment of Directors to the IDA as follows: Patsy Sobey and Sandy Gray (term expiring November, 2017); Richard Kramer and Gary Boyer (term expiring November, 2019); and Mike Oppermann (term expiring September, 2021.)
- ✓ Approved a job description for Maintenance Worker III/ Project Management.
- ✓ Approved directing the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider and forward to the Board of Aldermen a text amendment granting the Board authority to waive certain permit application fees related to natural disasters and other emergency situations for a certain period of time.
- ✓ Approved suspending the collection of the application fees within Addendum A of the Zoning Code for businesses and property owners applying for such permits due to damage caused by the recent flooding pending passage of the text amendment to be considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

ORDINANCES

- ✓ **#3561** Ord. amending Addendum A, Fee Schedules, to Title IV of the Fenton Municipal Code.
- ✓ **#3562** Ord. approving a Full-Service Contract with St. Louis County, Missouri to provide Police Protection Services for the City of Fenton by and through the St. Louis County Police Department for a five-year period beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2020.
- ✓ **#3563** Ord. formally accepting Shadow Bend Court and Shadow Bend Drive located in the Shadow Creek Subdivision within the City of Fenton.
- ✓ **#3564** Ord. approving a new Letter of Credit and extending the term of the Escrow Agreement with Rockwood Bank guaranteeing subdivision improvements for the Shadow Creek Subdivision.
- ✓ **#3565** Ord. approving an Agreement with Bieg Plumbing Company, Inc. for Plumbing Services for City owned Buildings.
- ✓ **#3566** Ord. approving the 2016 Budget for the City of Fenton.



City Hall will be closed on
Monday, February 15
for Presidents' Day.

FENTON IS SNOW READY



With winter weather here, we would like to make our annual request for your cooperation and assistance during snow emergencies.

In order to facilitate efficient and total clearing of pavement when snow advisories are announced by the media or 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.

Note: Residents parking in a manner that impedes snow removal equipment may result in immediate notification from the Police Department to move your vehicle regardless of the hour.

During snow or ice conditions, the Public Works Department's primary concern is keeping roads passable until precipitation stops. Pavement is cleared from curb-to-curb to facilitate mail delivery and provide additional snow storage space (should it be required) without interfering with traffic lane usage. Upon completion of all street cleaning, intersections and cul-de-sacs are cleared as well as possible with small units.

In addition to the City's crews, residents and the business community play a major role when severe weather hits the community. It is the responsibility of business landlords and owners to provide snow removal of parking lots and private streets without depositing the material in City-owned right-of-ways. Also, each household is responsible to provide snow removal from their own driveway, mailbox and solid waste container.

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

- William Cullen Bryant
(poet, journalist, editor)



PARKS & RECREATION

UPCOMING PROGRAM OFFERINGS

For detailed information, including program fees and registration requirements, please call RiverChase of Fenton at (636) 343-0067 or visit our website at www.fentonmo.org.



SENIOR (55+) LUNCH AND BINGO

Join us on **Wednesday, February 3**. Bingo starts at 10:30 a.m. and lunch follows at 11:30 a.m. We will be serving Sloppy Joe's Sandwiches for lunch. Fee: \$6.50/person; registration required by the Sunday prior.

DROP IN PICKLEBALL (ADULT)

This fast-paced, indoor sport will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays through May 1. Information on open play times and fees can be found by calling RiverChase.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL (AGES 8 – 10) - CORRECTION

This five (5) week, recreational/beginner league starts on February 14. Games are held on Sunday afternoons in the RiverChase gymnasium. For more registration details/fees and information on becoming a coach, please call RiverChase at (636) 343-0067.

NEW FITNESS CLASSES AVAILABLE!

Contact RiverChase for availability and registration.

POUND®

Full-body cardio jam session, combining light resistance with constant simulated drumming. Through continual upper body motion using lightly weighted drumsticks, Ripstix®, you'll turn into a calorie torching drummer, POUNDing off pounds as each song flies by. Hurry, space is limited.

BOOM MUSCLE

This is a 30-minute functional training and strength conditioning class. We will focus on a variety of strength-based training techniques, and movement patterns borrowed from popular sporting activities plus total body muscle conditioning.

BOOM MOVE IT

This 30-minute class combines a great workout with dances of the 60's through the 90's! This fun, high - energy dance fitness class is achievable for beginners, experienced and everyone in between! From The Stroll to the Electric Slide, get ready to hit the dance floor!

Both the Boom Muscle and Boom Move It classes are a part of the aerobic session card classes. You can also pay \$8 and drop in for either class. Both classes are free to Silver Sneakers Members.



PERSONAL TRAINING

RiverChase has great personal trainers that can help you get kick started in 2016. Session packages as low as \$66.

COMMUNITY INDOOR GARAGE SALE

Calling all bargain hunters and collectors! Register to be part of the largest sale yet at RiverChase! Reserve a 6ft x 3ft table and sell anything from toys to crafts. Reserve more than one table and sell more! This event is FREE and open to the public to attend. Food items will not be permitted.

* RiverChase reserves the right to refuse any item deemed inappropriate for sale.

Saturday, February 20

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$19 per table for Residents/Members; \$22 per table (all others).

TIPS FROM AMEREN MISSOURI

Ameren Missouri offers these tips to protect against scammers:

- Ameren never demands personal, account or financial information for immediate payment. Never give your credit card, debit card, Social Security, ATM, checking or saving account numbers to anyone who comes to your home, calls or sends an email requesting this information.
- Never let anyone into your home claiming to be from the utility unless they show proper Ameren badge identification. Our employees are not allowed to take payments in the field.
- Ameren never sends emails that include attachments, unless you've contacted us to specifically request information. Never open attachments unless you've contacted Ameren for the information.

If you suspect someone is impersonating an Ameren employee, end the conversation and immediately call Ameren Missouri at 1.800.552.7583.



@FentonParks



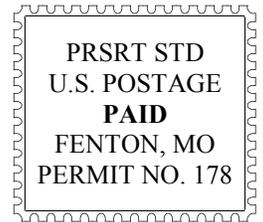
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625 NEW SMIZER MILL ROAD
FENTON, MO 63026



Deliver by Tuesday, February 26, 2016

FEBRUARY

Mon	Feb 1	6:30 PM	Park Board (City Hall)
Tue	Feb 2	7:00 PM	Planning & Zoning Commission - CANCELLED
Thur	Feb 4	7:00 PM	Historical Society/Swantrner House (#1 Church Street)
Thur	Feb 4	7:00 PM	Board Committee Meetings
Mon	Feb 8	5:30 PM	Municipal Court – Plea Date
Thur	Feb 11	7:00 PM	Board Committee Meetings
Mon	Feb 15		City Offices - Closed
Tue	Feb 16	7:00 PM	Board of Adjustment
Thur	Feb 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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