

CITY OF FENTON—NEWS & VIEWS

MARCH – APRIL 2021



MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Neighbors,

Finally, spring is here and hopefully all the snow and freezing temperatures are a thing of the past for this year. There is encouraging news coming out about the COVID-19 Virus. St. Louis County occupancy restrictions for certain businesses are being decreased. This is not a message to stop practicing published COVID-19 protocols, but a reminder that we are seeing good results. As more people get the vaccine and everyone continues to wear masks and social distance, the numbers are falling. Let us keep up the good work and get back to “normal” living.

As you receive this newsletter, we will have “sprung forward” and can now enjoy an extra hour of daylight. This gives everyone more time to enjoy the parks. I am encouraged to see so many of you using our parks. For information and maps, check out our City website, www.fentonmo.org then select Departments/Parks & Recreation/Parks. Each park has its own page that offers information on shelter rentals, a link to a map of that park as well as a link to a map of trails. For those of you riding your bikes in our parks, do not forget to practice proper etiquette in sharing the trail by announcing “on your left” or, if you have a bell, ring the bell as you pass pedestrians. Also, leave plenty of space between you and the pedestrians in case they are hearing impaired and did not hear your warnings. This way everyone enjoys a safe time on the trail. Thank you to our Parks and Public Works Departments for keeping the parks in great shape and all the work they are doing to get the Fenton Sports Complex ready for spring and summer sports.

Here is some Board of Aldermen news I would like to share. At a Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen on February 18, 2021, MSD shared a pre-construction presentation regarding the Lower Meramec River System Improvements on the Baumgartner to Fenton Wastewater Treatment Facility Tunnel Project. Since part of the project includes the Olde Towne Area, MSD wanted to be sure the public was informed. Once the project is complete, wastewater will no longer be treated at the Fenton plant but will be transported through a tunnel to a treatment plant over six miles down the river. Go to www.fentonmo.org and open the article in “News and Announcements” then click the link for a copy of the presentation for the details. If you have any questions, please contact John Deeken at MSD. His number is 636-536-5825.


At the February 25, 2021 Board of Aldermen meeting, there was an unanimous vote to present a \$75 gift card to the restaurant of their choice within the City limits to all those who volunteer on City of Fenton Boards, Commissions, or Committees. The City normally holds an annual appreciation dinner for our volunteers, but with the COVID virus these are still not normal times so it was decided to thank each volunteer with a gift card. Thank you to all volunteers – we could not operate this City without your service.

Do not forget that Tuesday, April 6, 2021, is the Municipal Election for the State of Missouri. It is your right to vote and please take the time to do so. In the City of Fenton, you will be voting for Mayor as well as Aldermen in all four of our wards. For more information and to see a sample ballot, go to the Board of Elections site at stlouiscountymmo.gov.

Working for you for a better Fenton.

Bob Brasses, Fenton Resident and Mayor
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 The April Planning and Zoning Meeting will be held the first Wednesday (April 7) rather than the first Tuesday due to elections.



Spring Leaf Pick-Up will begin the week of April 12 and will run through the week of April 26. Remember that pick-ups start in a different part of the City each Monday. Please have your leaves out by 7:00 a.m. **PLEASE DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET.** Rake to the back of curbs as leaves in the gutter can wash into and clog the storm system. Leaf piles containing debris or other items will be left and picked up the following week only after the unacceptable materials (ex. animal feces, bottles, etc.) are removed. **For more information, call Public Works at (636) 349-8155.**

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE



On **Wednesday, April 7, 2021**, 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:

- ✓ **CASE 2021-SUP-01:** A Petition by STL Automotive Group for a Special Use Permit to operate a Used Automotive Sales establishment and Automotive Service Store at 49 Gravois Road. The property is zoned “OT-1” Olde Towne District.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ **CASE 2021-SUP-03:** A Petition by Michael Grewe of St. Louis Pickle Plex for a Special Use Permit to operate an Indoor Unlimited Recreation Facility (pickleball complex) at 751 Gravois Bluffs Boulevard. The parcel is zoned “C-1” Commercial District.
- ✓ **CASE 2021-TXT-04:** A Petition by Byerly RV for amendments to the Zoning Code as follows: 1) to amend Section 400.030 Definitions to add the term “Recreational Vehicle Storage”; and 2) amend Section 476.010 Land Use Matrix to allow Recreational Vehicle Storage as a use allowed by Special Use Permit in the “BP-3” Business Park District.
- ✓ **CASE 2021-SUP-04:** A Petition by Byerly RV for a Special Use Permit for Recreational Vehicle Storage at 2000 Mraz Lane. The parcel is zoned “BP-3” Business Park District.
- ✓ **CASE 2021-SUP-05:** A Petition by Grimes Consulting on behalf of Puzzle Warehouse for a Special Use Permit for the following: 1) to increase the primary floor area of a building to greater than 50,000 square feet; and 2) to reduce the minimum required parking for an office/warehouse. The parcel is addressed as 1600 Headland Drive and is zoned “BP-3” Business Park District.
- ✓ **CASE 2021-SPR-02:** A Petition by Grimes Consulting on behalf of Puzzle Warehouse for Site Plan Review of a proposed building addition at 1600 Headland Drive. The parcel is zoned “BP-3” Business Park District.

APRIL IS SAFE DIGGING MONTH

April is Safe Digging Month nationwide. Missouri law requires that any person making or beginning any excavation notify Missouri One Call System at least three but not more than ten working days in advance except in case of emergency to have your facilities marked. It's easy! Call or complete an online request prior to any digging or excavating—this includes gardening!

1-800-DIG-RITE or 811 or www.mo1call.com



FORMS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Just a reminder that the following forms are available on our website, fentonmo.org, and can be filled out online by residents and businesses:

- ◆ Board Interest Form
- ◆ Request for Public Records
- ◆ Code Violation/Complaint Form
- ◆ Citizen’s Police Enforcement Request
- ◆ Vacation Inspection Request (Police)
- ◆ Trash/Recycle Cart Replacement
- ◆ Trash Service Complaint
- ◆ Public Works “Fix It” Request

The forms are located on the respective Department pages and emailed directly to the Department.

BULK PICK UP EVENT

Saturday, May 22 is the City of Fenton Bulk Pickup.

Look for the insert in next month’s newsletter for more details. If you would like more information now, go to our website at fentonmo.org. Here is an opportunity to get started on your spring cleaning!

NEW BUSINESS CORNER

The following businesses have received an Occupancy Permit and are calling Fenton “home.”

Mil Spec, Inc.

1590 Fenton Logistics Park
Manufacturers of Electric Motors

Camp Rainbow

108 Matrix Commons Drive, Office
Warehouse space for organization that provides summer camp to children with cancer diagnosis



Accent Group Solutions

1299 North Highway
Storage and Distribution Services

LSL Management, dba Kind Goods

180 Gravois Bluffs Circle, Suite B
Retail sales of medical marijuana and infused products and accessories

US Capital Development

2082 Fenton Logistics Park Blvd
Property management office

Vogel Sheet Metal and Heating, Inc.

1576 Fencorp Drive
Expansion of existing business (1642 Manufacturers Drive)

ELECTION NOTICE



The City of Fenton will hold its annual General Municipal Election on **Tuesday, April 6, 2021**. Voters will elect one Alderman in Ward 1 for a one-year term, and the Mayor 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.



Candidate filing opened on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and closed on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Forms for filing were 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 19, 2021, that will appear on the ballot in the order they were filed:

MAYOR

Bob Brasses
911 Woodway Circle

ALDERMAN—WARD 1

Kevin E. Yarbrough
610 Winter View Circle

ALDERMAN—WARD 3

Chris Clauss
886 San Sebastian

Thomas L. Byron
1620 San Simeon Way

ALDERMAN—WARD 1 ONE YEAR

Ralph Cruts
4 Forest Oak Court

ALDERMAN—WARD 2

Brian Wisbrock
415 Courtney Estates Drive

ALDERMAN—WARD 4

Peter DuBois
1223 Woodridge Trails Dr.

Susan Jokerst
1412 Uthoff Farm Trail

For more information, please contact City Clerk Jane Hungler at (636) 343-2080.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Fenton is seeking volunteers for the following appointments:

- **The Park and Recreation Committee, Ward 1, term ending January 2023.**
- **The Park and Recreation Committee, Ward 2, term ending January 2022.**



ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE FENTON PRECINCT



Please Slow Down – With warmer weather upon us, our children will be enjoying the outdoors. Help us to provide a safe and secure environment for both you and your children by paying special attention to the speed limit in your subdivision. The City of Fenton maintains a **20 miles per hour** speed limit on all residential streets within the City limits.

St. Louis County Police Department and the City of Fenton's number one complaint from citizens is speeding vehicles in residential areas. Please feel free to report any concerns to the police department. An officer can conduct radar in the area or our radar trailer can be set up to slow down traffic.

Q & A with the Captain – The City of Fenton's new Captain R. Kevin Lawson was unable to conduct all the "meet and greets" with Fenton's residents that he planned due to COVID-19. Captain Lawson will be joining the front desk attendant at RiverChase for a few hours giving visitors to RiverChase an opportunity to meet the Captain and ask any questions they may have. Time and date to be announced.

Preventable Crimes – The majority of crimes that affect the neighborhoods and residents in the area are preventable crimes. As the weather has become nicer, thieves take to the streets in the evening hours looking for easy targets. They are looking for open garage doors, unlocked car doors, and items left in yards or front porches. So remember to keep your garage doors closed, keep your vehicles locked with valuables out of sight, and keep your personal items from your yard stored and out of sight.

Watch for Motorcycles – After being cooped up for weeks during the COVID-19 pandemic, warmer weather and the need for continued social distancing could find many more motorcycles on our roadways this spring and summer. The Missouri Department of Transportation and the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety want to remind motorists to **watch for motorcycles** in order to help prevent motorcycle crashes, deaths and injuries on Missouri roadways.

The NHTSA offers the following tips to drivers on how to prevent a fatal crash with a motorcycle:

- Allow the motorcycle the full width of a lane at all times.
- Always signal when changing lanes or merging with traffic.
- Check all mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles before changing lanes or merging with traffic, especially at intersections.
- Never drive distracted or impaired.

**Neighborhood Policing Officer Aaron Dilks
Precinct Phone (636) 349-8120**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to be part of City of Fenton staff, please check out our website at fentonmo.org for job openings. If you have questions, contact Jane Hungler at 636-343-2080.

DECISIONS FROM THE FEBRUARY 2021 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

DECISIONS

- ✓ Approved Staff to review options with pool vendors and contractors.
- ✓ Approved Staff to work with Design Studios to define scope of the Park Master Plan.
- ✓ Approved City Attorney to negotiate the terms and agreement with Pepsi.
- ✓ Approved to utilize the City's Engineering Services to design the new pavilion located at 995 Larkin Williams Road.
- ✓ Approved, with conditions, Site Plan Review of proposed Accessory Structure at 211 Fabricator Drive.
- ✓ Approved to create new Athletic Field Maintenance Worker position and job description.
- ✓ Approved to provide City's volunteer members a \$75 gift certificate to a restaurant of their choice in the City of Fenton in lieu of holding Annual (2020) Appreciation Dinner.
- ✓ Approved amended Long-Range Capital Plan (2021-2025).
- ✓ Approved to increase credit card limit for City Administrator from \$2,500 to \$5,000.



ORDINANCES

- ✓ **#4092** Ord. authorizing the Mayor to execute a second amendment to the contract for prosecuting attorney services with Tim Engelmeyer and Engelmeyer & Pezzani, LLC.
- ✓ **#4093** Ord. amending Chapter 488, Outdoor Dining, of the Zoning Code to adopt regulations for temporary expanded outdoor dining during certain public health orders.
- ✓ **#4094** Ord. amending Section 500.150 of the Municipal Code to amend regulations for temporary storage containers and adopt regulations for temporary office facilities.
- ✓ **#4095** Ord. authorizing a change order to the contract with General Code, LLC for one-time codification services for the Fenton Municipal Code to authorize reorganization of the City's Zoning Code.
- ✓ **#4096** Ord. authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Cardinal Vending, Inc. for vending machine services.
- ✓ **#4097** Ord. authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with N.B. West Contracting Company for the Fenton Sports Complex Parking Lot Reconstruction.
- ✓ **#4098** Ord. repealing Ordinance No. 4085 and enacting a revised City of Fenton Personnel Manual.

- ✓ **#4099** Ord. approving a Surface Transportation Program (STP) — Urban Program agreement between the City of Fenton, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for S. Old Highway 141 improvements and granting further authority.
- ✓ **#4100** Ord. approving a contract between the City of Fenton, Missouri and SC Engineering, LLC, d/b/a Cochran for on-call, as-needed engineering services.
- ✓ **#4101** Ord. amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.
- ✓ **#4102** Ord. establishing the Year 2021 Municipal Tax Rate for general revenue purposes in the City of Fenton, Missouri at no cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation of all real and personal property.
- ✓ **#4103** Ord. authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Fire Tech, LLC for annual maintenance and on-call maintenance and repair services for the City's sprinkler systems.

REMINDER FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A reminder that no flag or sign is allowed in the public right-of-way or on any other City property. Please see Chapter 485: Sign Regulations of the City of Fenton Municipal Code by visiting our website at www.fentonmo.org.

Call the Community Development Department at 636-349-8110 with any questions.

CORONAVIRUS QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

An important number is for the St. Louis County Department of Public Health Hotline — 314-615-2660. This number is for health related questions or concerns, NOT for general information or updates. General information and updates are available online at stlcorona.com. There is also information from the County Executive at fentonmo.org.

PARKS & RECREATION

RiverChase has reopened to members only at a 25% maximum occupancy. If you have any questions, please call RiverChase at 636-343-0067.

To enter the facility members must:

- Always wear a mask **including when exercising**
- Answer a series of questions about COVID-19
- Have their temperature taken

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Thursday: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tae Kwon Do

All skills levels 6 years old and up are welcome. \$40 per month. For questions regarding classes, please visit www.stltkd.com and to sign up for class visit the “Online Registration” tab at www.fentonmo.org or call RiverChase at 636-343-0067.

Silver Sneakers Classes are classes designed specifically for older adults. RiverChase offers Silver Sneakers Classic, Silver Sneakers Circuit and Silver Sneakers Yoga Monday through Friday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.. Free to Silver Sneakers/Renew Active/Silver & Fit. All others \$4 per class. Please contact RiverChase for more information.



Personal Training

First time client special 3 sessions for \$69.
Personal training with a friend! Small Group Training Special 3 sessions for \$41 per person.
 Personal Training can be done in-person or virtually.

Group Exercise Classes! Single Class Fee: \$8 or 20 Punch Card Fee: \$100 Residents/Members/\$120 non-members
 Space is limited. Pre-registration is available using the “Online Registration” tab at www.fentonmo.org or by calling 636-343-0067.

Pilates

Strengthens core and flexibility
 Mondays
 9:15-10:15 am or 5:30-6:30 p.m.



Circuit Training

Combo strength and endurance
 Tuesday/Thursday
 9-9:45 a.m.



Buti Yoga

High intensity yoga with a tribal dance feel
 Wednesdays
 5:45-6:45pm

FENTON COMMUNITY & FARMERS' MARKET

Fenton Community & Farmers' Market is now accepting vendor applications and seeking new vendors for the 2021 season. Applications can be found at fentonmo.org. The market will be held on Saturdays from May 15th-September 25th.



PARKS & RECREATION continued

T-BALL League (ages 3-5)

Fee: \$65 – Resident/Members; \$75 – Non-Members

COACH PITCH League (ages 6-8)

Fee: \$70 – Resident/Members; \$80 – Non-Members

Both Leagues: Six-game schedule held at Fenton City Park on Saturday mornings/afternoons. Practices will be held once a week, Monday — Friday, between 5 and 6:30 p.m. The day and time are dependent upon the coach. All league information will be emailed via Head Coach in late April.

Deadline to register: April 11

Start Date: May 8

Parent coaches are needed. They will receive a FREE registration credit at the end of the season.

ADULT SOFTBALL

Men's leagues are offered Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. Coed leagues are offered on Tuesday.

All leagues are double headers with playoffs. League games will begin April 4th.

Registration is now open for returning men's teams, and all coed teams. (New teams can register beginning February 15th.) Registration fee is \$585 for men's and \$520 for coed teams.

FENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Fenton Historical Society will be held on **Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.** The Fenton Historical Society is located at #1 Church Street in Olde Towne Fenton.

The Fenton Historical Society & Museum luncheon has been cancelled for the spring and has been rescheduled for the fall on **October 16**. Please mark your calendars.

We are still selling masks at \$3 each at the museum and at the Fenton Feed Mill. Also, we still have 2021 calendars at \$5 each. You may buy quilt chances at the museum at \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Our museum is open on Wednesday & Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call (636) 326-0808 or visit our website: www.fentonhistory.com.



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APRIL

Thurs	Apr 1	7:00 PM	Board Committee Meeting*
Thurs	Apr 1	7:00 PM	Historical Society/Swantner House (#1 Church Street)
Mon	Apr 5	6:30 PM	Park Board Meeting*
Wed	Apr 7	7:00 PM	Planning & Zoning Commission*
Thurs	Apr 8	7:00 PM	Board Committee Meeting*
Mon	Apr 12		Municipal Court—Plea Date via phone
Tue	Apr 20	7:00 PM	Board of Adjustment*
Thurs	Apr 22	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen Meeting*

***All meetings of the Board, Commissions and Committees in the City of Fenton are open to the public via video/teleconference.** 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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