



CITY OF FENTON

NEWS & VIEWS

August 2010

MAYOR'S CORNER

I want to thank everyone who helped with the recognition event we held on August 13. That evening we recognized Ashley Gibbs and Kevin McNeely, along with Officer Sean Becker, for their roles in the safe recovery of Alisa Maier. As you may recall, Alisa was kidnapped from her home in Louisiana, Missouri on July 5. Ashley and Kevin not only found and helped her; they also provided critical information to the police that helped identify the kidnapper. Alisa and her family attended the event.

Also at that event, the Fenton Community Charitable Association announced the formation of a trust fund for Alisa to help pay for her education and any medical expenses she may have as a result of this event. We've had several of our area businesses generously contribute to this fund. If you'd like to contribute, send your check payable to "Alisa Maier Irrevocable Trust" to Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC, ATTN: Jonathan Heitner, 10369 Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63131-2907.

I know when I first heard about Alisa's kidnapping, I was very deeply touched. As someone who has two grandchildren, I cannot imagine the anguish that family must have gone through. And I know that when Chief Fitch called that night to tell me that Alisa had been found in Fenton, I said a prayer of thanks. Again, I cannot imagine the joy her family must've felt when they got the call. And I suspect the ride from Louisiana to Fenton must have seemed like an eternity.

We were also in the news lately – at

least on one station – because some people got sick after swimming at RiverChase in July. Two of the people involved tested positive for a parasite. There was no conclusive evidence that they got the parasite from our pool; after all, hundreds of other people swam in the pool around that same period of time, and did not get sick. However, as soon as we heard about it we notified the County Health Department, and followed the recommendations for treating the pool we received from both them and the Centers for Disease Control.

And how did the local TV station that "broke" this story respond? First, they made it sound like RiverChase is some sort of cesspool, and that we were putting everyone at risk. After I challenged them on that, they said the intent of their story was to be critical of the Health Department for not being more aggressive in the actions they took after being notified. Finally, after the Health Department recommended (not forced) we close the pool for "hypochlorination", they took full credit for forcing them to take action!

I'm usually pretty cooperative with the local media. Most of them are simply honest, hard-working people who actually perform an important service. But in this case they really missed the opportunity to pass along a few very important actions that the public could take to prevent this type of situation:

- Don't go swimming in a public pool if you are sick;
- If you have a child under the age of 3, make sure they wear a swim diaper (they are available at RiverChase, if you need one);
- And most important, if you or your child have an "accident" in the pool, tell a lifeguard immediately

so they can take care of the situation.

Finally, remember that school is back in session. Be sure to pay attention when you are driving around a school bus. I guarantee you that the kids getting off the bus will not.

Mayor Dennis Hancock

TRASH TALK



Labor Day Trash Pickup

Just a reminder that there will be no trash pickup on Monday, September 6, 2010.

- Monday trash pickup will move to **Tuesday, September 7.**
- Thursday recycling will be picked up on **Friday, September 10.**

Bulk Items

Remember, all residents are allowed one bulk pickup item per week. A general rule of thumb is that the weight does not exceed 75 pounds and one person can carry it to the curb.

Large bulky items such as furniture, metal items, rolls of carpet, etc. cannot be picked up on the normal trash route. The normal trash truck is not designed to take such items and workers may not have the manpower to handle them without injury.

Call Christian Environmental Services (866) 522-3781 for a special pick-up. There may be a special charge/fee for these types of items.

For more recycling centers in our area check out www.Earth911.com.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

On **Tuesday, September 7, 2010**, 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:

NEW BUSINESS

- A petition by Faith Church St. Louis.com to amend *Section 463.050: Standards for Special Event Permits, Subsection 4: Frequency*, of the Zoning Code to allow churches and other organizations to increase the frequency of inflatable use within a specified time interval and to establish hours of operation and number of allowed inflatable units.
- A petition by Jim Butler Chevrolet to amend *Section 467.010, Subsection C: Uses allowed by Special Use Permit* of the Zoning Code to include Car Storage Areas for new unlicensed vehicles affiliated with a new car franchised dealer facility within 500 feet of the new car storage area.
- A petition by Jim Butler Chevrolet for a Special Use Permit to allow for a Car Storage Area for new unlicensed vehicles affiliated with a new car franchised dealer facility within 500 feet of the new car storage area. The properties are addressed as 767 Gravois Bluffs Blvd. and 805 Danielle Place Blvd. and are zoned "C-1" Commercial Zone District.

For more information, please contact the Community Development Department at (636) 349-8110.



E-VERSION OF THE FENTON NEWS & VIEWS

Thanks to all that have signed up for the e-version of the newsletter. If your household or business would like to receive the Fenton "News & Views" monthly newsletter electronically, please contact City Hall at info@fentonmo.org or call (636) 343-2080 and give us your email address.

You will receive an email once a month with a link to the latest edition of the "News & Views".

AMEREN/UE EXTENDS "SAFE CONNECT" REBATE PROGRAM FOR BACKUP GENERATOR TRANSFER SWITCHES

AmerenUE is extending "Safe Connect," a program that provides rebates to residential electric customers who purchase and install certain transfer switch systems for backup electric generators. These systems are designed by their manufacturers to help ensure safety in connecting an emergency backup generator to a home's electrical wiring.

The program provides a rebate of 50% of the cost—up to the maximum rebate of \$500—for the purchase and installation of qualified safe connection systems. Systems must be purchased by July 31, 2011 and installed by August 31, 2011. Rebate applications must be postmarked by September 15, 2011.

To be eligible for the UE rebate, a generator safe connection system must be one that has been approved for the program and installed by a contractor who is on UE's list of eligible providers at the time of installation. Approved UE contractors will assist with the rebate application and documentation needed for processing a customer's rebate request.

The rebate applies only to the safe connection system, and may not be used toward the purchase of a generator or any other equipment. More details and a list of participating contractors can be found at: www.ameren.com/SafeConnect or by calling (800) 522-7583.

UE is offering the Safe Connect rebates as a service to customers to promote safety, and is not selling or supplying the generator transfer switch systems, the generator or other related equipment, or offering any guarantees or warranties in connection with these products or their installation. In addition, UE is not responsible for the work of the contractor who sells or installs these products.

Go to AmerenUE's website, www.amerenu.com, for more information.



NEW BUSINESS CORNER

The following businesses have applied for an occupancy permit and are planning on calling Fenton "home":

St. Louis Medical Supply, Inc.

1664 Larkin Williams Road
(medical supply warehouse & office)

Estes Express Lines

205 Soccer Park Road
(truck terminal)

Strength 360 LLC

133 Matrix Commons Drive
(physical fitness center)

Quality Safety Products & Environmental Restoration, LLC

232 Axminster
(distribution of personal
protective equipment)

Welcome to Fenton. We are glad you are here!



SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY



A 9/11 Memorial Ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at the Heroes Memorial at Fenton City Park. The ceremony will commemorate the 9th Anniversary of the tragic attacks at the World Trade Center. Mayor Dennis Hancock will welcome St. Louis County Police Chief Colonel Tim Fitch as the keynote speaker. Along with Chief Fitch, the Rockwood Summit High School Chamber Choir will perform. Eagle Scout Joshua Greathouse, St. Louis County Police Bagpipers and the Fenton Fire Protection and St. Louis County Police Departments will participate. Pastor Ken Simpson from Calvary Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church will lead our prayers.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring lawn chairs. The ceremony starts exactly at 9:28 a.m. (the precise time the second tower collapsed) on Saturday, September 11. Light refreshments, courtesy of Dierbergs Fenton Crossing will immediately follow the ceremony.

This solemn ceremony is presented by the City of Fenton Parks and Recreation Department and made possible through the generous support of Kruse-Grimm-Brix Florist, Dierbergs Fenton Crossing and Russ Hilton with Sound Tech.

For more information, please feel free to contact Mike Schumacher at RiverChase, (636) 343-0067.

Labor Day



RIVERCHASE F E N T O N PARKS & RECREATION HAPPENINGS

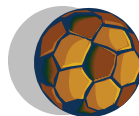
For information on these programs, including fees and times, check out a copy of the "Beacon".

PICKLE BALL

Pickle Ball League registration is open for single players for the Men's and Women's divisions. Cost is \$15.00 per player. Games will be played on Monday evenings.

ADULT SOCCER

Registration for the 7 v 7 Adult Soccer Leagues has begun. The fee of \$210 per team includes eight (8) games plus playoffs. Coed and Men's Leagues are available. Registration ends October 15. Games will be played on Wednesday Nights at Fenton City Park under the lights.



ADULT FLAG FOOTBALL

Join us for 8 v 8 Adult Flag Football Leagues. Registration is now open. The team fee is \$160 and this is an eight (8) game league. The top four (4) teams make the playoffs. Games begin November 1.



WIFFLE BALL

Wiffle Ball registration is now open for all ages. The league begins play on November 1 and games will be played on Monday nights. The fee is \$75 per team. Teams are three (3) players, with five (5) players maximum per roster.

FALL COMMUNITY TAILGATE SALE

Are you wanting to earn some extra cash? Do you have too much clutter laying around? Start off the school year fresh!



Clean and get rid of your unwanted items at home. We will open up 35 double spaces in our parking lot into the best flea market in Fenton. The fee to reserve a spot includes two (2) parking spots. Anyone over 16 years old can reserve a spot. The sale will take place at RiverChase of Fenton's parking lot on Saturday, September 25 from 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Hurry, space is limited!

The Sale is open to the Public and Admission is free.

For information on all programs (including fees and times), contact RiverChase of Fenton at (636) 343-0067. You can also check out the Beacon at www.fentonmo.org.

FENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Second Annual Book Fair Saturday, October 2

Swantner House
#1 Church Street
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Each new donation brings a wonderful surprise. Already, a number of excellent books on history and a lovely selection of children's books have been received. Please call prior to leaving your donation on the front or back porch. Remember, all books should be **gently used and suitable for resale.**



Historical Society meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Swantner House, #1 Church Street. Please join us - you do not have to be a member to attend.

For more information, please call (636) 326-0808.

**ROCKWOOD
ADULT
EDUCATION
& LITERACY**



Free morning “GED Prep & More” adult education classes will be coming to Fenton in August, 2010. The Rockwood afternoon “GED Prep & More” classes have been changed due to a greater need for classes earlier in the day.

“GED Prep & More” will now be held Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9:00 a.m.—Noon, at Maryville University Southwest Campus, 964 South Highway Drive in the same building as the Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce. “GED Prep & More” classes will also be available at Rockwood Summit High School, Monday and Wednesday evenings, 6:00—8:30 p.m. Classes begin the week of August 23, 2010 and enrolled students are eligible for Missouri’s GED online class.

In addition, volunteers are needed to become Literacy Tutors for the adult classes. A Literacy Volunteer Training will be held September 1-2, 2010. To become a volunteer, call (636) 733-2162.

Rockwood also offers classes for adult speakers of other languages. For more information about Rockwood Adult Education & Literacy, call (636) 733-2161.

**DOG
REGULATIONS
WITHIN FENTON
CITY LIMITS**



Here are a few reminders about pet regulations for residents within the City limits:

- No owner shall keep, own or harbor more than three (3) dogs over the ages of four (4) months.

- Pit bull breeds are prohibited in the City limits.
- Pets are required to be on leashes when not on the owners property.
- Owners are required to clean up after your pets when they are within the City parks or on public streets.



BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

With the arrival of a new school year, there are many situations children may face. Educating your children about general safety rules can greatly add to their physical and mental well-being. Parents are the most important resource in the educational process, which should begin at home. Please take advantage of any safety programs offered by your school district.



The St. Louis County Police Department provides the following tips in an effort to maintain a safe environment for your children during the school year:

Report Suspicious Activity

On occasion, children see something that they consider odd or suspicious during the school day. Instruct your children to immediately inform school authorities any such activity they may witness. Informing your local Police Department or school about each incident can prove helpful in dealing with these situations, and may help resolve a potential problem.



Safety at Home

It is important to have a plan for your children to follow if they get home



from school and no adult is at home. You should have a list of emergency phone numbers available for your child. These should be numbers of people they know and can call, either for advice or during emergencies. You should also have a well-defined list of what your children can and cannot do while they are home alone. Some topics you should consider making rules about are:

- Are they allowed to leave the house? If so, where are they allowed to go?
- Are they allowed to have anyone come into the house? If so, whom?
- What cooking appliances or electrical equipment may they use?

What should they say when they answer the phone or someone asks to speak to a parent who is not home?

Safety at School



Support your school’s effort to enforce safety rules. As parents, you should:

- Familiarize yourself with school policies.
- Instruct your children not to leave school with anyone unless they check with the office first.
- Inform the school, in writing, if you are making changes in your child’s schedule (e.g., taking your child out of school early, or having someone else pick up your child).
- Develop a secret password with your child to be used in emergencies.

Neighborhood Policing Officer

(636) 343-2080

P.O. Aaron Dilks-Ext. 1123

Precinct Phone

(636) 349-8120

SOCIAL SECURITY ONLINE SERVICES

www.socialsecurity.gov

- Apply for retirement, Medicare, spouse's or disability benefits
- Estimate your retirement benefits
- Use our benefit planners
- Request a Medicare replacement card and apply for 'Extra Help' with the prescription drug program
- Sign up or change your direct deposit
- Change your address or phone number, if you receive benefits
- Get help understanding your *Social Security Statement* or request one
- Sign up for e-mail updates

AUTOMATED TELEPHONE SERVICES

1-800-772-1213

- Get a Social Security card application
- Get proof of your benefit amount
- Replace your Medicare card
- Change your address or telephone number, if you receive benefits
- Make changes to your direct deposit
- Locate your nearest field office (an office is located in Fenton at 650 Gravois Bluffs, 1-866-331-2307)
- Listen to informational messages
- Request your *Social Security Statement*



JOHN FABICK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Nominations are due by September 30. Actions being recognized must benefit the City of Fenton or its residents in some manner and 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.

To obtain a nomination form or for more information contact City Clerk Diane Monteleone at (636) 343-2080.

DECISIONS FROM THE JULY 1 AND 22 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

Presentations

- Mayor Hancock presented a proclamation to Christopher Brown in appreciation for his hard work for the City of Fenton and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Decisions



- ✓ Approved a Site Plan, with conditions, by McDonald's USA, Inc. for a proposed drive-through facility addition at 501 Old Smizer Mill Road. The property is zoned "C-1" Commercial Zone District.
- ✓ Approved the amusement licenses for Swing-A-Round Fun Town, 335 Skinker.
- ✓ Approved a "Change Order" to Ordinance 2954 as submitted for printing the 2010 Beacon.
- ✓ Approved the request to seek bids for printing services for the Beacon.

- ✓ Approved the request to seek bids for the demolition of 717, 723, 757, 783, 799 and 809 Larkin Williams Road under the 2008 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.



Ordinances

#3145 Repeals Ordinance 3130 and enacts a new ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract for the purchase of real property located at 104 Gravois Road.

#3146 Repeals Ordinance 3144 and enacts a new ordinance authorizing the purchase of properties known as 757, 783, 799 and 809 Larkin Williams Road under the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

#3147 Establishes the Year 2011 Municipal Tax Rate for general revenue purposes in the City of Fenton, Missouri, at no cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation for all real and personal property.

#3148 Approves a one-year agreement with Assurant Employee Benefits as the carrier for Dental Insurance for City of Fenton personnel.

#3149 Approves a one-year agreement with Assurant Employee Benefits for Life, Voluntary Life, Long Term and Voluntary Short Term Disability Insurance for City of Fenton personnel

#3150 Fixes the compensation of the City Collector effective upon commencement of the next term of office.

Resolutions

R10-04 States intent to seek funding through the Repetitive Flood Claim (RFC) Grant for 731 Larkin Williams Road and authorizes the Mayor to pursue activities in an attempt to secure funding and identifies a Project Manager.

SEPTEMBER

Thurs Sept 2 7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings
7:00 pm Historical Society/#1 Church

Mon Sept 6 Labor Day—City Offices Closed

Tues Sept 7 7:00 pm Planning & Zoning Commission

Thur Sept 9 7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings

Mon Sept 13 6:30 pm Municipal Court
6:30 p.m. Park Board/RiverChase

Sat Sept 18 9:00 am Meet the Mayor/City Hall

Tues Sept 21 7:30 pm Board of Adjustment

Thurs Sept 23 7:00 pm Board of Aldermen

Mon Sept 27 6:30 pm Municipal Court

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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