



CITY OF FENTON

NEWS & VIEWS

April 2008

MAYOR'S CORNER

I want to start this month by saying a huge "Thank You" to everyone who helped make this year's Mayor's Charity Ball another huge success. The event netted over \$20,000 for Our Little Haven, Angels Arms, and Sunnyside Adventures. Special thanks to: Bill Voorhees, Chairman for this year's event; Mike Polizzi, President of the Fenton Community Charitable Association; Sean King and Ginny Goede, Vice-Presidents; and Russ Weil, Treasurer. These folks do an amazing job every year on this event. They truly are very special people.

Chris will be out of commission for several months. She will be undergoing back surgery early this month. The surgery is necessary due to complications from scoliosis (curvature of the spine) that she has been dealing with since she was a child. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. I'll let you know next month how she is doing. Because of this, we will not have our monthly Meet the Mayor event.

You may have noticed some people in your neighborhood recently, surveying the power lines. This is part of Ameren's program to reduce outages by identifying trees that could potentially cause a problem for the power lines. If someone comes to your door and says they are part of this project, if you are at all suspicious feel free to ask them for some identification before letting them on your property.

Election Day is April 8. Regardless of who your favorite candidate is, please get out and exercise your privilege to vote.

A few months ago I challenged the

candidates in this year's election to keep the discussion to facts, not fiction, and to ideas, not personal attacks. So far, at least while I'm writing this, the personal attacks have thankfully been minimal. Unfortunately, the facts haven't fared quite as well. I've read some of the statements that were made by some of the candidates and I guess that while I expect a certain amount of "truth-stretching" in a campaign, some of the statements I've seen are just plain wrong.

One candidate implies that he can build a replacement bridge over the Meramec River in less than two weeks. This candidate may "know what can be done with bridges," but I'm guessing he never had to find the funding, hire an engineer, do the environmental impact study, or any of the other things that have to be done before we can start construction on the new bridge.

Another wants to "make sure that your City regains the respect of the... surrounding communities". I was really confused when I read that comment. When I compare Fenton to our "surrounding communities," I see a City with higher median household incomes; a City with higher median housing prices; a City with more than 25,000 full-time jobs; a City with a level of service and amenities that none of those communities can match; and a City that does this without a property tax or a personal property tax. The funny thing is, when I talk to the residents of those other communities, especially in the unincorporated area around us, they want their City to be like Fenton!

So how can you determine who is telling the truth? Well one way is to ask the person making the statement to prove it to you. And if that's not pos-

sible, find someone you trust, and who is in a position to know, and ask them for the truth. Then, when you go to vote on April 8, you'll be making your choice based on facts, not fiction.

Mayor Dennis Hancock

SPRING LEAF REMOVAL PROGRAM



The City's Spring Leaf Program will begin April 7 and end the week of April 28. Pick-ups start in a different part of the City each Monday and leaves must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. Leaf removal will continue each week until all areas have been serviced once.

PLEASE DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET. Leaves should be raked to the back of curbs as leaves in the gutter could wash into and ultimately clog the storm system during heavy rains.

Leaf piles containing debris or items other than leaves will be left and removed the following week if the unacceptable material has been removed.

Any questions, contact the Public Works Department at (636) 349-8155.



SPRING BULK PICKUP Saturday, May 3

Mark your calendar, the City has scheduled its **Annual Spring Bulk Pickup for Saturday, May 3, 2008.** Residents within the City limits are asked to have their discarded items at the curb (not the street) no later than 6:00 a.m. that Saturday. Yard waste will not be accepted during the bulk pickup. Please utilize the City's regular lawn debris program for these items.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

On **Tuesday, April 1, 2008**, 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

- A petition for Special Use Permit for a Drive Through Facility, by Fenton Market Place Venture, for a proposed bank at 539 Gravois Road. The property is zoned "OT-2" Olde Towne Family Entertainment/Commercial District. *This has been continued with the Petitioner's consent.*
- A petition for Special Use Permit for a Drive Through Facility, by Fenton Market Place Venture, for a proposed fast-food restaurant at 539 Gravois Road. The property is zoned "OT-2" Olde Towne Family Entertainment/Commercial District. *This has been continued with the Petitioner's consent.*

NEW BUSINESS

- A petition by Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE for a Special Use Permit to operate an electrical substation at 528 Gravois Road and 509 Center Street. The property is zoned "OT-2" Olde Towne Family Entertainment/Commercial Zone District.
- A petition for Special Use Permit, by West County Wholesale LLC, for co-location and operation of Indoor Automobile Sales, not including outside storage and display or auto-service or maintenance at 265 Wolfner Drive. The property is zoned "BP-3" Business Park-General Office Centers, Small Warehousing District.
- Consideration of an amendment to The Estates at Uthoff Valley Subdivision (PUD) to delete a condition of approval requiring a walkway in

the common ground. The property is addressed as 1380, 1440 and 1450 Uthoff Drive and is zoned "R-2" Single-Family Residential (Case 2007-REZ-06).

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

- A petition by Clayton Engineering Company, Inc., representing Darden Restaurants, for a Site Plan Review of proposed changes to an existing structure for an Olive Garden restaurant. The property address is 140 Gravois Bluffs Circle and is zoned "C-1" Commercial Zone District.
- A petition for Site Plan Review by Fenton Athletic Association for a bathroom expansion to the existing field house at Henderson Fields. The property address is 945 Larkin Williams Road and is zoned "PR" Parks and Recreation.

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

PARKS & RECREATION HAPPENINGS

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

RiverChase Renegades

Sunday, April 13
Bike Ride on Grants Trail
1:00—4:00 p.m.



Get your tires aired up. We will ride on Grants Trail, take a break for lunch and ride some more. Bring a sack lunch and a back pack. We will supply the water and snacks. Cost is \$5.00/child.

Basic Training

A six-week fitness class modeled on the military's boot camp where the instructors encourage—NOT humiliate! The instructors use team building to turn the class into a circle of friends, always focusing on the positive. The class will consist



of 25-40 minutes of calisthenics, followed by a class run. The class is intense, but geared to persons of all fitness levels. Participants can expect to rapidly slim down, tone up and build their muscular and cardiovascular endurance. The end of the program is a celebration and t-shirts are given to those who have stuck it out. Class runs Monday—Thursday, beginning April 14.

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

NEW BUSINESS CORNER



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

St. Charles Hardwood, Inc.
765 Gravois Road
(retail/wholesale hardwood products))

All About Taste
1914 Bowles Avenue
(corporate catering)

McAlister's Deli
170 Gravois Bluffs Circle, Suite G
(deli—restaurant)

Welcome to Fenton, we are glad you are here!

ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE—FENTON PRECINCT UPDATE



CYBER BULLYING

Recently the topic of cyber bullying has come to our attention. As adults, we need to take responsibility to look out for and protect our youth. As with all transactions or sharing of information on the Internet, please use caution and be careful with what you share online or personal information displayed for others. Being a victim of cyber

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bullying can be a common and hurtful experience. Luckily, there are things that can be done to stop cyber bullying and stay cyber-safe!



- Watch what you say; if you wouldn't say it in person, DON'T say it on-line.
- Stay safe; keep personal information personal, share your telephone number, address, etc. only with friends you've met face to face and trust.
- Break the chain; passing along hurtful or unkind messages—even as a joke—is NEVER okay.
- Don't take it; you can block offensive message senders, delete messages from unfamiliar addresses or report them to your electronic service provider.
- Ask for help; if you know cyber bullying is going on, talk about it with a trusted adult—a parent, teacher or co-worker. Everyone needs a little help sometimes!

This and further information can be obtained from www.ncpc.org or www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.org.

**CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

If you have graduated from a St. Louis County Police Citizen Academy, you are eligible to join the Alumni Association. They are a group of volunteers involved in supporting the County Police Department and our community. If you would like to become involved, contact Mike Groves by email at jas-paz@sbcglobal.net. Mike is the President of the Alumni Association.

**GRAVOIS BLUFFS
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

City of Fenton Precinct Officers continue to patrol the Gravois Bluffs area from the continuous flow intersection

at Hwy 30 to the intersection at South Old Hwy 141. This area is still a construction area.

TASER/CIT TRAINING

March 10—14, 2008, Officers Berry and Ruhmann attended Taser and Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) at the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy. The mission of the St. Louis Area Crisis Intervention Team is to deliver positive law enforcement crisis intervention service to people with mental illness by providing cooperative community partnerships of law enforcement, mental health service providers, consumers, families, and advocates.

**CITY OF FENTON
PRECINCT NEWSLETTER**

The Fenton Precinct will begin providing an e-newsletter to the residents. This newsletter will provide additional information about upcoming events, crime trends, and significant occurrences in the City. If you are interested in receiving copy, please contact Neighborhood Police Officer Chrystal Ruhmann at cruhmann@stlouisco.com.



If you have any concerns or suggestions, please contact Neighborhood Policing Officers Aaron Dilks or Chrystal Ruhmann at the Fenton Precinct Station, (636) 349-8120.

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**DECISIONS FROM
THE MARCH 6 AND 17
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MEETINGS**

Presentations

Mayor Dennis Hancock presented Appreciation Plaques to Glen Scholle for

his service on the Park, Beautification and Recreation Commission.

Awards

Mayor Hancock presented Employee Service Awards to the following employees for their years of service:

Stephen Allen—10 years (February)
Rickie Adams—10 years (February)
Gary Crabtree—5 Years (March)



Decisions

- ✓ Approved a request for an extension to file the Final Plat and begin construction by DeRouin Homes, Inc. for the Shadow Creek Subdivision.
- ✓ Approved a temporary liquor license submitted by St. Paul Parish, 15 Forest Knoll for their Parish Homecoming on May 24, 2008.
- ✓ Approved a request by Rockwood Summit High School to hold their Leadership Retreat on Friday, April 18, 2008 from 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. in Fenton City Park and to waive the fees for the field space and shelter rental.
- ✓ Approved a request for waiver of a shelter fee for the Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition for their charity Kickball Tournament on Saturday, June 28, 2008.
- ✓ Created the position of Fitness Attendant I and Fitness Attendant II.
- ✓ Approved the job descriptions for Fitness Attendant I and Fitness Attendant II.
- ✓ Approved the mailing of six (6) free overflow trash/compost stickers to each City of Fenton household.



Resolutions

#R08-02 Amends the 2007 approved Budget.



Tues Apr 1 7:00 pm Planning & Zoning Commission
Thurs Apr 3 7:00 pm Historical Society/#1 Church
Public Welcome to Attend
Tues Apr 8 Election Day—Polls Open at 6:00 a.m.
Thurs Apr 10 7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings
Mon Apr 14 6:30 pm Municipal Court
Tues Apr 15 7:30 pm Board of Adjustment
Mon Apr 21 7:00 pm Board of Aldermen
Mon Apr 28 6:30 pm Municipal Court
Wed Apr 30 7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings

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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