

# CITY OF FENTON—NEWS & VIEWS

JULY—AUGUST 2020



## MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Fellow Citizens,

I hope everyone is having a good summer in spite of the continuing restrictions. While some things are changing, we are still in the 'new normal'. One of the changes is that a public health order was issued on July 3, 2020 requiring that masks or face covering be worn at all times indoors or outside when social distancing is not possible. This order applies to anyone over the age of 9. Medical research has shown that wearing a mask does help slow the spread of the virus, but only if everyone complies. Please do your best to comply with this order.

I know we were all anxious for RiverChase to open and while we did open on July 6 on a 'reservation' basis, we had to temporarily close on July 11 as an employee tested positive for COVID-19. Director of Parks and Recreation Tye Lydon and his staff promptly notified everyone who had visited RiverChase and Building and Grounds Technician Doug Schulze and his team made sure the facility was thoroughly sanitized and ready to open on July 13. Thank you Tye and Doug and your teams for your prompt response. Watch the City of Fenton website and Parks and Recreation page on Facebook for updates.

I would like to take a moment to welcome and thank several new members of the City of Fenton government. On June 25, 2020, I swore in newly appointed Ward 1 Alderman Ralph Cruets. Thank you, Ralph, for offering your time and service to the City. Also, welcome and thank you to George Phillips who is now serving as our new regular member of the Board of Adjustment. And finally, welcome and thank you to Deborah Abbott for accepting the nomination as Ward 4 Planning and Zoning Commissioner. I am not sure you all are aware that the Park and Recreation Committee, Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment positions are all filled by appointed volunteers. We truly appreciate the time and effort our volunteers contribute to the success of our City. If you are interested in being considered for future open positions, please contact me. Our meetings are open to the public. Due to the virus, we are currently meeting via Zoom. Agendas and meeting times plus the Zoom logon information are available in the 'Agenda and Minutes' section on [www.Fentonmo.org](http://www.Fentonmo.org).

Community Development Building Grant Funds are offered through the Home Improvement Program. These funds are available to qualified residents until September 1, 2021. Funds that have not been allocated by that time will be used for ADA projects. See the information on this page.

If you have not 'liked' us yet on Facebook, please take a moment to check us out. We have several Facebook pages including City of Fenton and Fenton Parks and Recreation/RiverChase.

Working for you, for a better Fenton,

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**St. Louis County Government's Home Improvement Program is offering up to \$5,000 in home repairs for eligible homeowners at NO COST. Examples of eligible items include concrete/asphalt/masonry, tuckpointing, roofing, tree trimming/removal, electrical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, insulation, hot water heater, foundation work and hand-rail installation. To be eligible you must own and live in your home, your property taxes must be current, you cannot have participated in the program previously, and your household's total Adjusted Gross Income from the previous year's Federal Income Tax Return must be within certain limits. Visit <http://www.stlouisco.com/PropertyandRoads/CommunityDevelopment/HomeImprovementProgram> for more information on income limits. To apply, call 314-615-4025. If you do not reach a representative, leave your name and phone number for a return phone call. Funding is limited, so don't delay.**

## PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE



On **Wednesday, August 5, 2020**, the Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. during their regularly scheduled meeting via video/teleconference to consider the following:

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- ✓ **CASE 2020-SUP-07:** A Petition by Arise Community Church for a Special Use Permit to operate a Church at 639 Gravois Bluffs Boulevard, Suite I. The parcel is zoned “OT-3” Olde Towne District.
- ✓ **CASE 2020-TXT-04:** A Petition by JCW Development for amendments to the Zoning Code as follows: 1) to amend Section 400.030 Definitions to add the term “Blood/Plasma Collection Center”; and 2) to amend Section 476.010 Land Use Matrix to allow Blood/Plasma Collection Center as a use allowed by Special Use Permit in the “OT-2” Olde Towne District.
- ✓ **CASE 2020-SUP-08:** A Petition by JCW Development on behalf of BioLife Plasma Collection for a Special Use Permit to operate a Blood/Plasma Collection Center at 55-58 Fenton Plaza. The parcel is addressed as 14 Fenton Plaza and is zoned “OT-2” Olde Towne District.
- ✓ **CASE 2020-PLT-04:** A Petition by Fenton Land Investors to amend the Final Plat approved under Ordinance 4026 for Fenton Logistics Park Plat Five in order to eliminate landscape buffers for parcels not adjacent to the “IP-1” and “BP-2” Districts. The parcel is addressed as 2055 Fenton Logistics Park Boulevard and is zoned “PID” Planned Industrial Development.
- ✓ **CASE 2020-SPR-05:** A Petition by Fenton Land Investors for Site Plan Review of a proposed 148,800 square-foot building (distribution facility) at 655 Assembly Parkway. The parcel is addressed as 2055 Fenton Logistics Park Boulevard and is zoned “PID” Planned Industrial Development.
- ✓ **CASE 2020-SPR-06:** A Petition by Fenton Land Investors for Site Plan Review of two (2) proposed private driveways connecting Assembly Parkway to undeveloped parcels of land within Fenton Logistics Park. The parcel is addressed as 2055 Fenton Logistics Park Boulevard and is zoned “PID” Planned Industrial Development.

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

## NEW BUSINESS CORNER

The following business has received an Occupancy Permit and is calling Fenton “home.”

### **Capital Bull Mortgage**

558 Gravois Road, Suite 203

*Mortgage Company*



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

### **GRAVOIS ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK**

Raineri Construction has started the replacement of Gravois Road from Ferry Street to Highway 141. This project may cause some traffic disruptions during peak volume hours so please be patient or consider alternate routes.

*As always, please use caution around the construction areas. We thank you for your patience as we continue to improve areas around Fenton.*



## MOSQUITO FOGGING

Fogging runs on Wednesday evenings with Thursday as a backup from mid-May through late September.

Fogging starts around dusk and lasts about 3 ½ hours. This is when the mosquitos are most active and the spray is most effective.

For both economy and efficiency, we use the lowest effective dose of mosquito spray necessary to control mosquitos—less than 1 oz. per acre. If you are out when it is dark, please wear bright or reflective clothing so the applicator can shut off the machine when he sees you.



**PUBLIC WORKS**

**YARD WASTE**

Please note that all yard waste must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Monday mornings. Keep in mind that no matter the weather, every Monday Public Works crews start yard waste pick-up at 7:00 a.m. and continue throughout the City until completion. At times, pick-up may carry over throughout the week.

Yard waste cannot be included with the regular trash. Please utilize the City’s Yard Waste Program for grass clippings and other yard waste. An orange overflow sticker, available at City Hall or RiverChase, must be put on all yard waste bags to be picked up. Please follow the City’s guidelines by having all bags tagged and all bundles tied with twine and no longer than four (4) feet in length.

Your cooperation is appreciated as we keep Fenton a great place to live and work!



**RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING**

- Please rinse all containers.
- No containers for motor oil, insecticide, herbicide, or hazardous chemicals.
- No plastic bags of any kind. Please recycle shopping bags at the store.
- No #6 plastics. These include Styrofoam and polystyrene.
- No paper towels, tissues or wipes.

**STREETLIGHTS IN THE CITY OF FENTON**

When Ameren maintains the streetlights in the City, they may upgrade some of the bulbs to LED. This type of bulb is much “greener” and will save the City money on our electric bill. The light from the LED bulb may be a slightly different color, so do not be alarmed. If a light is not working, please copy the number off of the pole and call Public Works at 636-349-8155. If you provide us with the pole number and street address, we can then contact Ameren to have the light repaired.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO RIVERSIDE GOLF CLUB!**

St. Louis has voted Fenton’s own Riverside Golf Club *St. Louis Magazine’s* 2020 A-List winner. This year will be Riverside Golf Club’s 55th year in business. Riverside Golf Club was proud to accept this wonderful award and plans to continue to be the place where “friends and families come together”.



**ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE  
FENTON PRECINCT**

Please remember to lock the doors of any vehicles parked on the driveway or street by your residence and secure all of your valuables inside your residence. Also, if you capture any usable footage on your personal cameras, contact the police to investigate. The number to the station is 636-349-8120.



As the weather continues to heat up, please remember that hot cars can be tragic for children and pets. A vehicle can reach 110 degrees inside when it is parked in the shade with the windows open in 70 degree weather!

Hopefully there will be school buses and children on their way back to school soon! Slow your speeds and use caution when driving through our neighborhoods and near the schools!

Thank you to all of the citizens of Fenton who have continued to support the police officers during the past few months! Your waves, thumbs up as we drive by, treats and kind letters have made a difference to our officers!

**Neighborhood Policing Officer  
Aaron Dilks  
Precinct Phone (636) 349-8120  
625 New Smizer Mill Road  
Fenton, MO 63026**

**SALES TAX REDISTRIBUTIONS TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR MAY 2020**

“A” Sales Tax Summary		“B” (Pool) Sales Tax Summary		Combined Sales Tax Summary	
Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed
\$396,972	\$188,070 (47.4%)	\$181,941	\$101,286 (55.7%)	\$578,913	\$289,355 (50%)

The year-to-date amount redistributed to St. Louis County for 2020 is \$1,040,318 (50.0%).



**DECISIONS FROM THE JUNE 25, 2020  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

**DECISIONS**

- ✓ Approved liquor license/tasting permit renewals.
- ✓ Approved tentative re-opening plan for RiverChase.
- ✓ Approved certification of the June 2, 2020 election.
- ✓ Approved appointment of Ralph Cruts to the Alderman Ward 1 seat for the unexpired term until April 2021.
- ✓ Approved, with conditions, a petition by Midwest Light & Sign, Inc. for review of a Sign Plan for proposed signage for American Freight at 639 Gravois Bluffs Boulevard, Suite A.
- ✓ Approved appointment of George Phillips to Board of Adjustment, Ward 1, term ending May 2024.
- ✓ Approved appointment of Deborah Abbott, Ward 4, to fill a seat on the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term expiring August 2021.
- ✓ Selection of Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for annual Board training with City Attorney.
- ✓ Approval of Amusement License renewal for Swing-A-Round.
- ✓ Approval of prorated refund for 2019-2020 Amusement License for Swing-A-Round.
- ✓ Approval of Fleet Technician job description.
- ✓ Approval of HR leadership training through AAIM for \$1,300.
- ✓ Approval of the option to renew an agreement with Graphic Resources, Inc. for printing services for the City's Beacon Brochure, with proposed cost increases.
- ✓ Approved 2019 Financial Audit.
- ✓ Approved surplus of old concession stand appliances and computers at RiverChase.



**ORDINANCES**

- ✓ **#4052** Ord. amending the Municipal Code of the City of Fenton, Missouri, relating to Environmental Performance Standards.
- ✓ **#4053** Ord. authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Pepsi Beverages Company for Fountain Beverage Services.

**FENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The monthly meeting of the Fenton Historical Society will be held on **Thursday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m.** The Fenton Historical Society is located at #1 Church Street in Olde Towne Fenton.

For more information, call (636) 326-0808 or visit [www.fentonhistory.com](http://www.fentonhistory.com).

**ST. LOUIS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM**

Residents from St. Louis County can drop off household hazard waste (HHW) at the Lemay HHW Facility. The facility is located at 291 East Hoffmeister. To make a drop-off reservation, visit [www.lhwstl.com](http://www.lhwstl.com) and follow the instructions. At the end of the reservation process, print off the voucher that confirms the reservation and bring the voucher and proof of address to your appointment. Proof of address can be a utility bill or driver's license. Individuals without internet access can call the Special Event Service Line at 314-615-8989 to make a reservation.



**BACK TO SCHOOL SALES  
TAX HOLIDAY**



This August, the City of Fenton will be participating in the 2020 Missouri Sales Tax Holiday. By state law, the sales tax holiday begins on the first Friday in August and continues through the following Sunday. In 2020, the three-day holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 7, and runs through Sunday, August 9. Certain back-to-school purchases such as clothing, school supplies, computers, and other items as defined by the statute are exempt from sales tax for this time period only.

## PARKS & RECREATION

### **RiverChase has reopened to members only and at a 25% maximum occupancy!**

To enter the facility members must:

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Programs being offered at this time:

- Silver Sneakers: Tuesdays and Thursdays  
10:30 a.m.
- Personal Training:  
Monday — Friday

*WELCOME  
BACK!*

Programs not being offered at this time:

Rentals  
Stay-N-Play  
Summer Camps  
Swimming Lessons  
Aerobics Classes

Drinking fountains and handheld equipment will be unavailable during this time. The showers, locker rooms, family changing areas, gymnasium, jungle room, multipurpose room, aerobics room and the rain forest playground are closed.

The indoor and outdoor pools will remain closed until further notice.

### **A FRIENDLY REMINDER**



At this busy time of year, the weekly chore of lawn maintenance can fall behind. We would like to take this opportunity to ask you to mow and trim your lawn regularly so it does not get too tall (9" is considered the standard maximum height).

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

### **NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR JOHN FABICK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**



Mayor Bob Brasses and the Board of Aldermen are officially requesting nominations for the annual "John Fabick Community Service Award". This award was named in memory of Mr. Fabick for his dedication to our community and his corporate leadership.

The City of Fenton recognizes that many of its residents, businesses and civic organizations contribute in a significant manner to the City each day, without reward or recognition. These include those that have brought honor upon themselves and the community through some outstanding accomplishment as well as service-minded volunteers who simply want to be involved in the community by serving on a City Board or Commission.

To that end, the City has established a process that will allow for appropriate recognition of an individual, business or civic group, Board or Commission that has contributed a significant and useful service to the community.

Actions being recognized must benefit the City of Fenton or its residents in some manner. 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.

Nomination forms are available as of July 1, 2020. To obtain a nominating form, contact City Clerk, Jane Hungler at (636) 343-2080. All nominations must be forwarded to City Hall by September 25, 2020. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen will meet to review all nominations for a final decision. The award will be presented at the November Board of Aldermen Meeting.



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

**Deliver by July 24, 2020**

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## AUGUST

Mon	Aug 3	6:30 PM	Park Board Meeting — <b>CANCELED</b>
Wed	Aug 5	7:00 PM	Planning and Zoning Commission via video/teleconference
Thurs	Aug 6	7:00 PM	Board Committee Meetings*
Mon	Aug 10	5:30 PM	Municipal Court via video or phone
Thurs	Aug 13	7:00 PM	Board Committee Meetings*
Tues	Aug 18	7:00 PM	Board of Adjustment*
Thurs	Aug 27	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).

**\*Check the meeting agenda on our website (fentonmo.org) to see if meeting is in person or via video/teleconference.**

### MAYOR

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