

CITY OF FENTON—NEWS & VIEWS

JULY—AUGUST 2014



MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

You may have heard by now - as it has been reported by newspapers, local television news, and radio - that the Board of Aldermen unanimously voted in favor of a Resolution which states that the City of Fenton opposes "...any action to eliminate local governments in Saint Louis County (including the City of Fenton) in conjunction with any plan for reunification of the City of St. Louis with St. Louis County." This is straight from the title of the Resolution.

First of all, the organization behind this "reunification", Better Together, declares itself to be a "grassroots project." It states that plainly on the majority of its publications. I find this to be troublesome. The first definition for grassroots on Dictionary.com is "the common or ordinary people, especially as contrasted with the leadership or elite of a political party, social organization, etc.; the rank and file."

And why do I find this to be troublesome? Better Together held a press conference at Cheshire Inn on Clayton Road last November. It was emceed by John Hancock (KMOX Radio) whose bio says his political experience "spans three decades in grassroots and electoral politics." Also speaking was the Missouri Council for a Better Economy (MCBE) Chairman of the Board - Ambassador George Herbert (Bert) Walker III, St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay, and St. Louis County Executive Charlie Dooley. Certainly not the common or ordinary people that are inherent in a grassroots movement. Better Together's Executive Director, Nancy Rice, has been in politics and related areas for the past thirty years. That is from her bio on the Better Together press packet. This thirty years included stints as Mayor Schoemehl's political director; Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry; and seven years as the City of St. Louis' Director of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Calling Better Together's group of experienced, high-ranking politicians and lobbyists a "grassroots project" does not make it one - just as calling a porcupine a frog will not make it a frog. While all these individuals have fine credentials and even potentially fine motives, they do not appear to represent, by definition, a "grassroots" movement.

Why were no representatives of ANY of the local municipalities asked to participate in the project from the beginning? As of now, local municipalities only serve on various committees within the organization. And, it was only after complaints from those municipalities that they were asked to participate.

I believe that the local municipalities should have had representation on the original board from the start since this is supposed to be "Better Together." Somehow the "together" part of the equation was overlooked.

At that November event, Ambassador Walker stated that "We are not putting forth, nor advocating for a specific plan." So, Fenton and the other local governments are expected to just sheepishly follow this "no specific plan" and sign on to this sight unseen? Neither the Board of Aldermen nor I have been given any information that supported benefits for the residents of Fenton. Fenton is just expected to be a "good sport" and take whatever decisions are made. Fenton MUST react before vital decisions are made for us by others.

One idea of this Better Together group is that there are too many inefficient municipalities in St. Louis County. Smaller cities, such as Fenton, would be at risk of being diluted into St. Louis County.

The job of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen is to protect the welfare of our people and the services provided to them. That is the main reason that the Board voted unanimously on June 26, in Resolution No. R-14-02, that: *The Board of Aldermen of the City of Fenton hereby formally stands in favor of all the accomplishments of the City of Fenton and other municipalities in St. Louis County that, through their elected officials and citizen volunteers, have worked tirelessly to make the City of Fenton and the entire St. Louis area an exceptional place to live and work and, therefore, hereby opposes any actions that would seek to eliminate or consolidate any municipalities based on a statewide vote and without a separate vote of the residents of each affected municipality, the City of St. Louis, and unincorporated St. Louis County.* (For the full text of the Resolution, please visit www.fentonmo.org)

I want Fenton to be here for my future and for my children's future. I believe in Fenton. I believe in its people. I believe in its businesses. We are one of the professional communities which helped the entire area grow. We will continue to work diligently against any perceived threat to our City.

I am proud that the Board stood unanimously together in this, and I am proud to be the Mayor of Fenton.

Mayor Mike

**PLANNING & ZONING
COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**

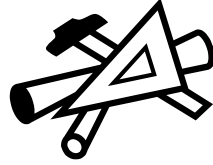
On **Wednesday, August 6, 2014**, the Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at **7:00 p.m.** during their regularly scheduled meeting at City Hall to consider the following:

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A Petition by Pancel Hitzert, LLC, to subdivide a 30.8-acre lot located at 2171 Hitzert Court into two lots. The property is zoned “IP-1” Industrial Park – Light, Medium, Industry, Distribution, Assembly, Warehousing District.
- A Petition by David J. Cissi to amend Section 445.040: Other Exceptions and Rules of the Zoning Code to allow for above-grade dwelling spaces to project into the required yard area.



SITE PLAN REVIEW:

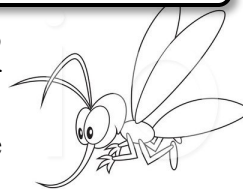
- A Petition by Rickermann Holdings, LLC, for Site Plan review of a proposed building addition at 2526 Cassens Drive. The property is zoned “IP-1” Industrial Park – Light, Medium, Industry, Distribution, Assembly, Warehousing District.

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

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Summer is here! Here are some ways to reduce the mosquito population in your neighborhood.

- Eliminate standing water sites where mosquitoes can breed.
- Clean out clogged rain gutters and downspouts so they won’t hold water.
- Empty, clean and refill birdbaths on a weekly basis.
- If you have a pool, make sure the cover isn’t holding water and breeding mosquitoes.
- Keep in mind that mosquitoes nest in vegetation and other protected places; keep the grass cut and bushes trimmed.



NEW BUSINESS CORNER

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

Directions St. Louis, LLC
767 Gravois Road, Suite A
(tour sales for retirees)

Mercy Pharmacy
1203 Smizer Mill Road, Suite 101
(pharmacy)



UPDATES: LOCAL CONSTRUCTION

MSD PROJECT

Restoration work is ongoing through Fenton City Park. Work will soon begin for the tunneling under Ferry Street. To accommodate the tunneling operations, Ferry Street will be closed at Water Street for a minimum of 30 to 60 days. Information signs will be placed in advance of the closure. A detour route will be set up directing motorists around the construction.



STREET SLAB / SIDEWALK REPAIR

Work will be starting soon in the Woodridge Subdivision to replace concrete slabs. Please be patient while work is being performed.

LA PALMA GRATE

The storm grate on La Palma at San Sebastian will be replaced beginning in the next week or two. During construction, La Palma will be closed at San Sebastian in order to expedite the construction work. Residents will be able to access their homes from Villa Gran Way.

AMERENUE PROJECT

AmerenUE is planning to start a project in the San Simeon Subdivision. They will be performing maintenance on the underground utility lines. Residents within the area of work will notice locate markings on the street and lawn areas indicating locations of existing utilities.

**JOHN FABICK COMMUNITY SERVICE
AWARD NOMINATIONS**

FOR DETAILS, SEE PAGE 3



SALES TAX REDISTRIBUTIONS TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR JUNE 2014

| “A” Sales Tax Summary | | “B” (Pool) Sales Tax Summary | | Combined Sales Tax Summary | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Generated | Redistributed | Generated | Redistributed | Generated | Redistributed |
| \$424,334 | \$203,779 (48.0%) | \$163,117 | \$158,625 (97.2%) | \$587,452 | \$362,403 (61.7%) |

The total amount redistributed for 2014 is \$1,544,108 (64.9%).

ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE—FENTON PRECINCT**TRIVIA NIGHT**

So you think you're smart? Maybe you're a sports geek. Maybe you're a history buff. Maybe you don't care and just enjoy hanging out, having a good time and enjoying free beverages.



Regardless, everyone is invited to attend the Trivia Night hosted by the Fenton Precinct to benefit Missouri Special Olympics. The event will take place at Andre's West Banquet Facility in Fenton on Friday, August 22 starting at 6:30 p.m. A table of 10 costs \$180, or sign up individually for \$20 and we will put you with a table. Don't worry – there are plenty of people that sign up as individuals. Your paid entry will cover your donation to Special Olympics and the OPEN BAR!

**To sign up contact Officer Dilks or Officer Weston
at the Fenton Precinct 636-349-8120**

COPS ON TOP

August 14 through 17, the City of Fenton Officers will be teaming up with Shop 'n Save for Cops on Top. Cops on Top is an opportunity for police officers to raise money for Missouri Special Olympics. The Special Olympics Mission is, "to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community." All Shop 'n Save stores in the area will be teaming up with local law-enforcement this weekend. City of Fenton officers will be at 45 Gravois Bluff Plaza between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Officers will be collecting donations and selling Law Enforcement, Torch Run Shirts.

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

FENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This is a busy time for the Society. Members are hard at work assembling our 2015 calendar, filling the pages with a wonderful assortment of historical photographs depicting Fenton as it appeared many decades ago. Advertising space is available for families, individuals and businesses at prices shown below:

\$15 – Patron/Sponsor with name only
\$35 – Business Card Size
\$50 – 1/3 Top or Bottom Border
\$75 – Half Top or Bottom Border
\$100 – 2/3 Top or Bottom Border
\$150 – Whole Top or Bottom Border
\$500 Entire Back Cover

At whatever level you're comfortable with, this would be a wonderful occasion as an individual, family or organization to support your Society in this fundraising event. To take advantage of this opportunity or for additional information call us at 636-326-0808 no later than August 15.



The welcome mat is always out to welcome you to our wonderful museum. We're open on Wednesday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or for a private tour. And do join us for our monthly meetings held at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at #1 Church Street. Visit our website or call us:

**www.fentonhistory.com
(636) 326-0808**

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR JOHN FABICK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Mayor Mike Polizzi 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 will be available on July 1, 2014. To obtain a nominating form, contact City Clerk/Manager Diane Monteleone at (636) 343-2080. All nominations must be forwarded to the City Clerk/Manager at City Hall by September 30, 2014. 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.



PARKS & RECREATION HAPPENINGS



For more information on any of the events/classes listed below, please call RiverChase at (636) 343-0067 or visit our website, www.fentonmo.org.

INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER

For ages 3 to 8 (must be age 3 at registration). Get ready for the Fall Soccer League with our Instructional Soccer Program at Valiant Park. Participants will learn the fundamentals of dribbling, passing, and shooting. Classes will meet on Saturdays for 50 minutes. This is a four (4) week class beginning August 2. Ages 3 to 5 will start at 1:00 p.m. Ages 6 to 8 will start at 2:00 p.m. \$35 for Resident/Member and \$45 for Non-Resident.

YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUES

Ages 3 to 4, 5 to 6, 7 to 8 coed. This is a seven (7) game recreational league. Games will be held at Fenton City Park on Saturday mornings and afternoons. No scores or standings will be recorded. Players will receive a team t-shirt. Last day to register is August 16. Games begin September 6. \$55 for Resident/Member and \$65 for Non-Resident.



Soccer coaches are needed! Each coach will receive FREE registration credit at end of season.

SENIOR LUNCH & BINGO

Wednesday, August 13 at 10:30 a.m.

\$6.50 per person.

Chicken and rice for lunch. (RiverChase)



FENTON DAYS 2014

Join in the fun of **Fenton Days 2014 on Saturday, September 6, 2014** in Olde Towne Fenton. There will be music, activities for the kids, games, washers tournament and a spectacular fireworks display! The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. The festival runs 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fireworks at 9:00 p.m. For a complete schedule of all events, visit:

www.fentondays.com

The Fenton Days 2014 Committee is seeking City of Fenton residents to volunteer. For more information, please contact the Fenton Days 2014 Committee at (636) 399-2505.

A special "Thank You" to our Founders Day Sponsors for making this Festival possible: Dobb's Tire and Auto, SSM St. Clare Health Center, Maritz, Fabick CAT, Olde Towne Fenton Business Association, Jim Butler Chevrolet, Olde Towne Fenton Pet Hospital, Uni-Group and the Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce.

No Outside Coolers, Glass or Alcohol Allowed!!!

2014 SOFTBALL SEASON

Leagues fill up fast! Get your team registered early! Teams can sign up for competitive or recreational. All session start dates are dependent on rain outs and number of teams in the league. Deadline to register is one (1) week prior to initial session date. For further information on all leagues (spring, summer, fall), please contact RiverChase at (636) 343-0067 or visit www.fentonmo.org for updated league session dates.



MEN'S SOFTBALL

Lighted fields, evening game times of 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30. This is a 16-game, 8-week Doubleheader League. Games played Monday through Friday and Sunday afternoon/night. Fee: \$640.

CO-ED SOFTBALL

Natural light fields, game times start at 6:00 p.m. This is a 14-game, 7-week Doubleheader League. Games played Monday through Friday and Sunday afternoon/night.

Fee: \$460.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Ten (10) Single Games League. Games played on Tuesday nights. Fee: \$350.

RIVERCHASE SUMMER HOURS

Throughout the Summer, RiverChase will have extended **SATURDAY** operating hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This will continue through Saturday, August 30.

TRIATHLON TRAFFIC WARNING

The annual triathlon will be **Saturday, August 2**. There will be limited access on the following roads from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. due to the Fenton Triathlon:

**Horan Drive — Uthoff Drive
Larkin Williams Road — Yarnell**

If you have to travel these areas, please use caution.



**DECISIONS FROM THE JUNE 26 AND JULY 10, 2014
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS**

DECISIONS

- ✓ Approved Site Plan by QuikTrip Corp. for a new convenience store/gas pump canopy at 1923 Bowles Ave.
- ✓ Approved Site Plan by Ken Smith representing Altus-Hitzert, LLC for a proposed ext. building modification at 2055 Hitzert Ct. addressed as 2001 Hitzert Ct.
- ✓ Presented Career Achievement Awards to W. Lucas, D. Schulze, K. Strehle, T. Diven, S. Kuehnle and A. Lawrence.
- ✓ Approved appointment of Richard Mayhew to the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term exp. 8/2014.
- ✓ Approved appointment of Gary Fischer as an alt. member to the Board of Adjustment with a term exp. 5/2018.
- ✓ Approved Liquor License Renewals; a new Liquor License for Aldi Inc.; Tasting Permits; Temporary Liquor Licenses for St. Paul's Athletic Association's Soccer Tournaments; Amusement Licenses for Swing-A-Round Fun Town; Liquor License for Capone's Southside Cucina.
- ✓ Approved the 2014 Capital Plan; and approved the 2013 Audit.
- ✓ Approved closing LaPalma at San Sebastian during construction of the LaPalma Grated Trough Replacement Project to expedite construction.
- ✓ Approved CDBG Funds be made avail. to qualified residents until 9/1/2015 and any non-committed funds will be applied to ADA projects.
- ✓ Approved job description for Director of Public Works; advertising position of Director of Public Works.
- ✓ Approved extension of the existing Short Term Disability Policy for eligible employees to expire on 6/30/2015.
- ✓ Approved Board of Aldermen Committees as submitted.
- ✓ #3433 Approves Agreement with R.V. Wagner, Inc. for LaPalma Grated Trough Street Grate Replacement Project.
- ✓ #3434 Approves Contract with Fred Weber, Inc. for the purchase of 1" minus rock to construct the Meramec Greenway Trail Extension.
- ✓ #3435 Approves an Agreement with Archway Foundation Repair, Inc. for Emergency Foundation Repair at City Hall.
- ✓ #3436 Amends Ord. #2791—Financial Policies Manual related to City's Purchasing Policy and Bidding Procedures.
- ✓ #3437 Approves Property Insurance Plan with Chubb Group of Insurance (Federal Insurance Co.)
- ✓ #3438 Approves Crime, General Liability, Automobile, Workers Compensation and Umbrella Liability Insurance Plan with Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America.
- ✓ #3439 Approves Network Security Insurance Plan with Allied World Assurance Co., Inc.
- ✓ #3440 Approves Public Officials Management and Employment Practices Liability Insurance Plan with Darwin National Assurance Co.

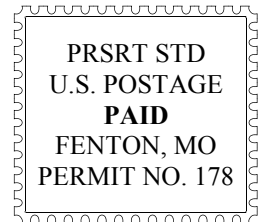
ORDINANCES

- ✓ #3426 Amends Section 475.050 (G), Special Uses provided within the "HP-1" Dist. related to Modular or Prefabricated Structures for Temporary Offices/Store Facilities.
- ✓ #3427 Amends Section 466.020 (B), Permitted Uses provided within the "OT-2" District related to Electronic Cigarette Retail Stores.
- ✓ #3428 Amends Section 474.050 (G), Special Uses provided within the "HP-1" District related to ATM Facilities.
- ✓ #3429 Approves Special Use Permit for AT&T to modify an existing Telecommunications Facility at 2092 Corporate 44 Drive.
- ✓ #3430 Approves renewal of Special Use Permit by U.S. Cellular, LLC c/o CIS Communications, 605 S. Old Highway 141.
- ✓ #3431 Amends Section 120.180 relating to the appointment of Board Committees. *(Approved 5-3 with Aldermen Maurath, Clauss and Mauller voting Nay.)*
- ✓ #3432 Approves Contract with Morbark, Inc. for the purchase of a 2013 Morbark Beaver M15R Chipper. *(Approved 7-1 with Alderman Sobey voting Nay.)*
- ✓ #3441 Approves Employee Assistance Program for eligible employees with Magellan Health Services.
- ✓ #3442 Approves Consultant/Services Contract with Springsted Inc. for professional consulting services to assist the City in its consideration of proposed Tax Increment Financing in connection with development of Fenton Logistics Park

RESOLUTIONS

- ✓ **R-14-01** Authorizes display of Temporary Signs for a Special Event at 754 Gravois Bluffs Boulevard.
- ✓ **R-14-02** Opposes any action to eliminate local Governments in St. Louis County in conjunction with any plan for reunification of the City of St. Louis with St. Louis County.

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



Deliver by Wednesday, July 23, 2014

AUGUST

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|------|--------|---------|--|
| Mon | Aug 4 | 6:30 PM | Park Board (City Hall) |
| Wed | Aug 6 | 7:00 PM | Planning & Zoning Commission |
| Thur | Aug 7 | 7:00 PM | Board Committee Meetings |
| Thur | Aug 7 | 7:00 PM | Historical Society/Swanter House (#1 Church Street) |
| Mon | Aug 11 | 5:30 PM | Municipal Court – Plea Date |
| Thur | Aug 14 | 7:00 PM | Board Committee Meetings |
| Tue | Aug 19 | 7:00 PM | Board of Adjustment |
| Thur | Aug 28 | 7:00 PM | Board of Aldermen |

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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