



Bridgeton BANNER

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November - December 2014

Your Elected Officials

Mayor:

Conrad W. Bowers
373-3811
or 209-0222

Municipal Judge:

Joseph Larrew

Ward 1:

Scott Zimmer – 575-7474
Bob Saettele – 291-1131

Ward 2:

Jerry Grimmer – 739-7491
Linda Eaker – 291-3880

Ward 3:

Ferd Fetsch – 291-3021
Randy Hein – 298-1700

Ward 4:

Barbara Abram – 739-1050
Joni Norris – 291-8041

City Hall – 739-7500

Community Center
739-5599



Mayor Bowers

We are all aware of the attention suburban police departments are receiving at the present time. I am personally very proud of our department consisting of many excellent professionals. In this issue of the Banner I have requested that Chief Hood provide specific information about your police department. The City of Bridgeton has a larger police department than most communities of our size. This is due to the fact that we have such a large daytime population (major retail, commercial, and manufacturing areas) in addition to our residential area. The Department is under the direction of the Administration and a 5 member Police Commission. This commission has oversight responsibilities for the Police Department. The Mayor appoints Commission members who are approved by your City Council. As Mayor I have always worked to select Commission Members who are representative of the Community. The present Police Commission consists of a minister, a former police chief, a retired postal worker, an advertising executive and a senior volunteer who is a tax expert.

The following specific comments are provided by Chief Hood:

The Bridgeton Police Department strives to work with the City of Bridgeton residents to make our community one of the safest in the country. The men and women of the Bridgeton Police Department take pride in the service provided to the residents and visitors to our city. The department is a full service agency that operates 24 hours a day and currently has 50 full time commissioned officers supported by several full time and part-time non-commissioned staff members.

The Police Department Administration consists of the Office of the Chief of Police, the Assistant Chief (Major), Commander of the Patrol Division (Captain) and five Lieutenants.

The Police Department is comprised of the Administration, Patrol Division, Detective Bureau and Support Personnel. These employees along with the Community Oriented Policing Officer report directly to the Chief of Police.

The City of Bridgeton is very fortunate to have four graduates of the FBI National

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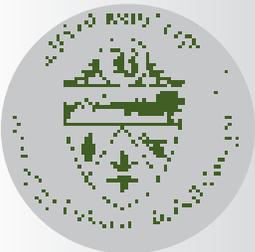
Nominating Petitions Now Available For Office Of Councilperson (One In Each Ward) As Well As For The Office Of Mayor And Municipal Judge In The City Of Bridgeton For April 7, 2014 Election

Nominating petitions are available in the City Clerk's office, Bridgeton City Hall, 12355 Natural Bridge Road, for the office of Councilperson in the City of Bridgeton, one to be elected from each ward for a two year term. Petitions for City Council must be signed by no less than 50 registered voters in their respective Wards in the City of Bridgeton.

Nominating petitions are also available for the office of Mayor for a four year term and Municipal Judge which is a two year term. Petitions for

Mayor and Municipal Judge must be signed by no less than 100 registered voters the City of Bridgeton.

FILING FOR OFFICE OPENS 8:30 A.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2014, AND CLOSES AT 5:00 P.M. MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015. PETITIONS ARE TO BE FILED IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS AT CITY HALL.



Bob Totterer named Volunteer of the Year



The City of Bridgeton hosted the 35th annual Boards and Commissions dinner on October 10th at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel. The elected officials sponsor this dinner to recognize the many volunteers who serve the city on one of the fourteen active Boards or Commissions. Elizabeth Sayad, author and descendant of some of the early Bridgeton land owners was the speaker for the evening.

Bob Totterer has been involved with youth sports in Bridgeton for over 30 years. He has been active with the Bridgeton Athletic Association since 1980 and has served in many different capacities. This past summer Bob worked countless hours shifting team schedules to make sure that the teams who wanted to play at BMAC would have that opportunity. This was an especially difficult task because of the issues revolving about BMAC at that time. Bob has also served as Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice-President of the St. Louis Metro Collegiate baseball league.

The following businesses made donations for attendance prizes at the dinner: Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, El Maguey, Massa's, India Palace, Lowes, Orchid'dell Florist & Gift Shop, TGI Friday.

If you are interested in serving on a City board or commission please contact any Councilmember, the Mayor or Staff member.

BRIDGETON'S POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Academy as members of the Command Staff. The FBI National Academy is the premier Law Enforcement Executive Development Training Academy in the world. It is with great pleasure to announce an additional member of the department will be attending in January 2015.

One Lieutenant is assigned to Professional Standards and is currently working to obtain department accreditation with the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. The Missouri Police Chiefs Accreditation Program was started in 2013. The entire process takes approximately 3 years to complete. The Certification program consists of 198 standards and requires the department to prove and document compliance with proven management systems, clear and effective written directives, sound training principles and clearly defined lines of authority and responsibility within the department. We anticipate accreditation in the latter part of 2015.

The Lieutenant also oversees officer training to assure our department is staffed with the highest quality officers. Each officer receives additional training annually to keep up to date on changes in the law, current trends affecting the community and firearms proficiency.

Thirty-three officers were assigned to Patrol during 2014. This division is equipped with 13 marked police cars which average approximately twenty-two thousand miles of operation per year. These officers are responsible for initial response, obtaining reports of crimes, conducting

preliminary investigations, and arresting criminal offenders. This division is also charged with enforcing traffic laws, providing emergency aid, the control of vehicular traffic flow, and providing a highly visible profile to deter criminal activity and remain accessible to the citizen in need.

Support personnel for the Patrol Division include an Ordinance/Traffic Officer, D.A.R.E./Community Relations Officer and the School Resource Officer. The Community Relations Officer handles the Neighborhood Watch Program and the Business Watch Program, held at 8:00 a.m. every third Wednesday of the month at City Hall.

During 2014 the Detective Bureau was staffed by ten officers. Of these officers, six were assigned to plain clothes casework, two as forensic crime scene investigators and two supervisors. One detective of the six is assigned to juvenile investigations and another detective is detached to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration. The duties of the Detectives are to follow-up and take action on all reports of serious crime. All reports of crime are distributed to the Detective Commander who reviews the reports and assigns the cases to individual detectives for follow-up action.

The attention by the media involving civil disturbance is on the minds of many in our community. The men and women of the Bridgeton Police Department are committed to your protection and the preservation of the quality of life the City of Bridgeton continues to offer.

SNOW! SNOW! SNOW!

As we enter the winter season, please be reminded of the regulations concerning parking of cars on the street during snow periods. Please assist the City in keeping your streets drivable during and after snow storms by obeying these regulations and recognizing the snow routes.

During a snowfall and for twelve hours thereafter, parking is prohibited on both sides of streets designated as snow routes. Any vehicle parked on these streets may be towed by the Police Department at the owner's expense. During the same period, parking on all other city streets is prohibited on the odd numbered side (north or west side). In addition, parking is prohibited on all courts and cul-de-sacs.

Snow Routes:

Avery Lane	Lockport Drive
Benedetta Drive	Majella Drive
Blake Drive	Mark Twain Lane (Between Harmann Estates Drive & St. Charles Rock Road)
Boenker Lane	McKelvey Road
Bonfils Drive (from Natural Bridge to Woodford Way)	Missouri Bottom Road
Brampton Drive	Natural Bridge Road
Bristolhall Drive	Old St. Charles Road
Burgess Avenue	Raymond Avenue
Celburne Drive	Smiley Road
Cypress Road	Spanish Village Drive
Fee Fee Road (from south city limits to Carmel Ct.)	St. Charles Rock Road
Foerster Road	Taussig Avenue
Gallatin Lane	Taylor Avenue
Gist Road	Terry Avenue
Haas Avenue	Tideland Drive
Harmann Estates Drive	Welland Avenue
Harmony Lane	Whitehall Manor Drive
Lindbergh Boulevard	Woodford Way

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Gift Idea

Have you lived in Bridgeton your entire life? Did you raise your children in Bridgeton? Have you ever read the history of your City? "Home Place - A Celebration of Life in Bridgeton, Missouri" was written by Jane Mobley, Ph.D. in 1993 to commemorate the bi-centennial of Bridgeton and is available for purchase at the Reception Desk at City Hall for \$20. As stated by the author, "Bridgeton is the America most of us wish for, a place where the democratic process makes sense, a city parade is an expression of real pride, people know each other's names, and "home" means more than real estate."

Breakfast With Santa

Join Santa himself for a yummy breakfast at the Community Center on Saturday, December 13th from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your camera to capture your family's photo opportunities. A craft and other entertainment will be provided. Children 2 and under are free, but please register all family members. Breakfast begins at 9:30; those arriving late may not be guaranteed a full meal. Residents \$6/person; Non-Residents \$8/person. Registration ends Monday, December 2, or when full.

Bridgeton Beautification Winter Lighting Tour

The Bridgeton Beautification Commission will conduct their annual winter home & business light judging tour on Sunday, December 14th starting at 5 p.m. NOTE: if the weather is not favorable, we will schedule for a better day the same week on into the next week (make sure your display is ready this entire time). The commission will select ten winners based on quality of display, attractiveness and overall appearance. The winners will receive a commemorative Christmas ornament and a sign placed in their front yards showing receipt of this special recognition. Please call Angela Wright at 739-5599 if you wish to nominate a friend or neighbor for the final judging. If the resident has previously received an award during the past three years, they are ineligible for 2014.

PET LICENSES DUE

Pet licenses for 2015 will be available for purchase at City Hall BEGINNING January 2nd. Proof of rabies inoculation is required. The fee is \$2.00.

Please remember - Dogs and cats may not be allowed to run at large. They must be licensed annually and must be immunized against rabies. Call the Animal Control Officer at 739-7557 about questions or problems concerning animals.

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2015

Bridgeton youth and others can get a jump on applying for summer and other seasonal positions. The Parks and Recreation Department and the Public Works Department are accepting applications for part-time and seasonal employment.

Available positions in the Parks and Recreation Department include: program instructor, recreation aide, custodian, lifeguard, sports official, maintenance worker, day camp counselor, seasonal laborer and concession worker.

Available positions in the Street Department involve assisting in all types of street and storm water maintenance. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and be in possession of a valid Missouri driver's license.

For more information about each position, contact the Community Center or City Hall. The City of Bridgeton is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Summer Employment Workshop Ages 15+

A great way to get your teen started on his or her summer job search--join Bridgeton Parks and Recreation staff to learn more about summer employment opportunities within the department. Find out what positions are available, and what the qualifications and requirements for each position are. Staff will also give tips on what constitutes a great job application, and how to wow a potential employer in an interview.

The workshop will be held Sunday, January 25 from 2-3 p.m. This workshop is FREE- but you must pre-register by January 21; registration will be taken beginning in late December.

Candlelight Tours of the Payne-Gentry House



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The Historical Commission and Society will provide a nostalgic glimpse of Christmas past. The house will feature a Victorian Christmas tree, decorated with antique ornaments and surrounded by toys. Many other collectibles and original furnishings are also on display. Candlelight tours will be given and refreshments will be available Saturday and Sunday, December 6th and 7th* from 4-8 p.m. \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, \$1 for children (4-15)

*In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled for Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14

For information about your city please refer to our website. The address is: www.bridgetonmo.com

1	NEW YEAR'S DAY City Hall and Community Center Closed	2	Design and Review Board7:00 p.m.
2	Senior Citizens Tax Refund now through Feb. 27	3	City Council7:00 p.m.
4	Design and Review Board7:00 p.m.	4	Municipal Court6:00 p.m.
6	Design and Review Board7:00 p.m.	8	Planning and Zoning Commission7:00 p.m.
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8	Beautification Commission6:00 p.m.	9	Municipal Court6:00 p.m.
12	Planning and Zoning Commission7:00 p.m.	10	Housing Board of Appeals (as needed)7:30 p.m.
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14	Housing Board of Appeals (as needed)7:30 p.m.	15	Police Commission7:00 p.m.
15	Historical Commission6:00 p.m.	16	Personnel Commission (as needed)7:00 p.m.
17	Municipal Court10:00 a.m.	17	Design and Review Board7:00 p.m.
19	Police Commission7:00 p.m.	18	Parks and Recreation Board6:30 p.m.
20	Personnel Commission (as needed)7:00 p.m.	22	City Council7:00 p.m.
21	Design and Review Board7:00 p.m.	24	CHRISTMAS EVE
22	Parks and Recreation Board6:30 p.m.	25	CHRISTMAS DAY City Hall and Community Center Closed
26	Business Watch Meeting8:00 a.m.	31	NEW YEAR'S EVE - Community Center Open 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
27	City Council7:00 p.m.		

January

December

Calendar of Events