



Bridgeton BANNER

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January - February 2015

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

From the Desk of Mayor Bowers:

BRIDGETON'S 2015 BUDGET and PLANS

The Bridgeton City Council approved the 2015 budget by a unanimous vote during the final meeting of 2014. The City of Bridgeton's economic situation remains very good. For 2015 the total estimated revenue from all sources is \$25,434,300 and the total of all planned expenditures is \$27,403,300. A significant percentage of planned expenditures are in the capital improvement budget (\$7,947,900). Funds accumulated in prior years will be used to supplement anticipated revenues. Our City is fortunate to have a very diverse revenue base, which is well managed, professionally audited and controlled. The estimated fund balances (safety net) at the end of 2015 will exceed three million dollars (General Fund balance \$1,758,129 Capital Improvement Fund balance \$1,410,274).

Again this year, there will be no city tax increases for Bridgeton residents. The residential real estate tax rate will remain as it has since 1984. Additionally, Bridgeton residents will again enjoy the benefit of a zero personal property tax rate. Our excellent revenue base allows the city to provide many services for our residents; the majority of payroll cost for Bridgeton's personnel is associated with providing services for residents. Also, the city allocates a considerable amount of money for contractual services and special benefits, such as refuse collection (\$618,000), street lighting (\$135,000), tax rebates (\$95,000) and transportation (\$90,000) for seniors.

The 2015 Budget includes a general cost-of-living increase of 1.5 percent for all full time employees and funds for scheduled merit increases. In addition, the budget allocates significant funds for the continuation of public works projects initiated in prior years: reconstruction of the Gist Road Bridge and Fee Fee Road

(Phases 1 and 2). Unfortunately, engineering problems have created major setbacks and delays in the first phase of the Fee Fee Road reconstruction project (from Old St. Charles to the south city boundary).

During 2015 the City will continue additional street improvement projects financed by the one-half cent capital improvement sales tax passed by the voters during 2005. The City Council, during budget meetings, identified the following streets to be included in this program (Ayrshire Drive, Boenker Lane, Breezeway Drive, Chess, Florence Avenue, Long Road, Muro Drive, South portion of Taylor Avenue and Terry Avenue). The City Council will prioritize this list and select some projects for 2015.

Construction of the New Recreation Center is on schedule with a planned completion date of December 1, 2015. The north loop (Highway 370 to St. Charles Rock Road) of the Riverwoods walking and bike trail will be completed early this year. Bridgeton has developed an extensive trail system and we continue to work with our neighbors, the cities of St. Charles and Maryland Heights, to extend the system south and to join the Katy Trail in St. Charles.

Ongoing updates on the progress for road reconstruction projects and capital projects can be found on the City's web site (bridgetonmo.com).

A copy of Bridgeton's 2015 Budget is available at the Bridgeton Trails Library. In addition the latest copy of: "The City of Bridgeton - Annual Report" is available at the Library. This report provides a quick grasp of the scope and nature of all activities for each of Bridgeton's Departments: (Finance, Judicial, Legislative, Parks and Recreation, Personnel, Police and Public Works).

If you have questions about the budget or the City's plans for 2015, please contact any of your elected officials. We will be happy to hear from you.



BRIDGETON HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

Congratulations to all of the 2014 Winter Lighting Award. Thank you for your commitment to making Bridgeton brighter this holiday as well as a beautiful city in which to live. We would like to also thank everyone that took time out to call the Bridgeton Community Center to nominate his/her neighbor.



We wish every Bridgeton Resident a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

The Bridgeton Beautification Commission conducted their annual Winter Lighting Contest Tour on Sunday, December 14th. Ten winners were selected based on quality of display, attractiveness and overall appearance. Residents who received an award during the past three years were ineligible for consideration.

Each winner received an engraved commemorative Christmas ornament and a sign placed in their front yards to notify neighbors and passersby of this special recognition.

The winners were:



Ben & Phillis Hackney
12003 Avery PL

Gary Bryant
4057 Domenico Ct

Roy & Janet Hall
3144 Roger Williams

Jerry Keppler
4137 Muro

Brian & Cheralyn Kirton
3826 Park Place Est

Keith & Tammy Bell
11731 Old St. Charles Road

Roy & Elizabeth Branneky
3509 Falcon

Judy & Dennis Pickett
3734 Midview

Wendell & Gina Prather
3958 Lockport

Karen Weber
3919 Taplin Ct

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.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT OF RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS

Authorized an agreement with Wright Construction Services Inc. for the construction of the new Bridgeton Recreation Center

Authorized an agreement with R. V. Wagner for the Gist Road Bridge Replacement

Approved a transfer of jurisdiction between the City of Bridgeton and the City of St. Ann of certain parcels of property

Authorized agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission regarding the dedication of 2.736 miles of Natural Bridge Road and the acceptance of such 2.736 miles of Natural Bridge Road

PET LICENSES DUE

Pet licenses for 2015 are now available for purchase at City Hall. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SWEETHEART BALL

Girls from ages 5 – 12 can bring their favorite adult male (dad, stepdad, grandpa, uncle, older brother, etc.) for a magical night of fun on Friday, February 6th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.! The evening will include dinner, dancing and lots of special memories. A picture of your sweetheart and her favorite guy will be taken to help them remember the evening! Registration ends Monday, Feb. 3rd or when full. Register early-space is limited! Resident fee is \$30 per couple. Non-resident fee is \$35 per couple. The cost for an additional girl is \$15 each.

SHE AND ME Royal TEA

Girls (ages 3 to 8) and a special woman in their lives (mom, grandma, aunt, etc.) can spend an enchanted afternoon together on Saturday, March 15th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. We will serve tea or punch and cookies to all participants. Girls and their “she” will work together on a craft to take home. Bring your camera and dress “fancy” for tea. Registration closes Monday, March 10th, or when full. Register early; space is VERY limited. Resident fee is \$22 a pair. Non-resident fee is \$27 a pair. Each addition girl is \$11.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING

Pre-requisites:

- Must swim 300 yards continuously using these strokes in the following order: 100 yards front crawl, 100 yards of breaststroke and 100 yards of either front crawl or breaststroke or a combination of both. All 300 yards must be completed using rhythmic breathing with your face in the water and a stabilizing, propellant kick.
- Minimum age of 15
- Must swim 20 yards using a front crawl or breaststroke, surface dive to a minimum depth of 7 feet, retrieve a 10lb object, return to the surface, and swim back to the starting point with the object within one minute and forty seconds. While returning to the starting point, you must hold the 10lb object with both hands and keep your face above the water.

IMPORTANT: Skills testing for all sections will be held the Friday before your first class from 5-9pm

Training is held on Saturdays and Sundays. Session schedule is as follows:

S1	February 7, 8, 9, 15, 16	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
S2	March 7, 8, 9, 15, 16	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

The cost for Residents is \$145; Non-residents is \$160.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP

For ages 15+. This is 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. This workshop will be held on Sunday, January 26th from 2-3 p.m. The workshop is FREE – but you must pre-register by January 22nd.

SHOP ‘TIL YOU DROP

Come shop with our party-plan vendors without the commitment of a party--or book one while you’re here! Are you a Direct Seller (such as Tupperware, Pampered Chef, etc.)? Purchase a table to expand your clientele! We’ll provide advertising, an 8’ table, 2 chairs and electricity. Booth spaces will vary but will be approximately 8’ x 6’. Admission free for shoppers. Event is held in the Bridgeton Community Center Sunday, March 1 from 2-5 p.m. Residents \$25; Non-residents \$30

MINECRAFT KIDZ NIGHT OUT

A Bricks 4 Kidz Night Out is a high-energy evening full of LEGO entertainment for kids ages 6 – 12 on Saturday, February 7 from 5-8 p.m.! The theme of the night is Minecraft. Join us as we craft key elements from the game with LEGO bricks, build monsters, and play games. Each child will take home a mini LEGO creeper. We’ll also provide pizza and drinks. Children spend three hours supervised by our trained instructors.

Registration fee for Residents is \$34. Non-resident fee is \$38.

Registration ends Saturday, Jan. 24; program may be cancelled if minimum enrollment of 14 is not met.

This program is offered in cooperation with and instructed by Bricks 4 Kidz; program is held at the Bridgeton Community Center. Find out more about Bricks 4 Kidz on their website: www.bricks4kidz.com/stl

PIRATE PARRTY

ARRR you ready for some fun? Boys and girls, ages 3-7, can come enjoy a sea-themed adventure as they spend an afternoon with a special adult in their lives (grandpa, grandma, mom, dad, aunt, etc.) on Saturday, February 21. We’ll enjoy pirate activities and snacks (think Disney’s “Jake and the Neverland Pirates”), make some swashbuckling crafts and end our afternoon with an hour of open swim on the high seas at the Bridgeton indoor pool. All children must be accompanied in the pool by a swimming adult.

Registration fee for Residents is \$28 per pair. Non-residents are \$32 per pair. The fee for an additional child \$14.

JULY 4, 2015 CELEBRATION PARADE



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The Bridgeton Special Events Commission is already organizing Bridgeton's Annual July 4th 2015 parade and has decided on the theme "Spirit of America." We are looking for you to capture American topics, icons, customs, and pastimes (i.e., national monuments, sports, American cuisines, American history, inventions, charitable organizations, movies, actors, etc.). Now is the time to begin thinking about creative entries. As always, we are inviting citizens, businesses, churches and friends of Bridgeton to participate. Entry forms will be available March 2015. Be sure to sign up early!

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

1	Berry Hill Golf Course Opens for the Season	7:00 p.m.
3	Design and Review Board	7:00 p.m.
4	City Council	7:00 p.m.
5	Municipal Court	6:00 p.m.
9	Planning and Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.
10	Municipal Court	6:00 p.m.
11	Housing Board of Appeals (as needed)	7:30 p.m.
12	Beautification Commission	6:00 p.m.
16	Police Commission	7:00 p.m.
17	Design and Review Board	7:00 p.m.
18	Parks and Recreation Board	6:00 p.m.
18	Business Watch Meeting	8:00 a.m.
19	City Council	7:00 p.m.
19	Historical Commission	6:00 p.m.
23	Planning and Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.
24	Municipal Court	10:00 a.m.
25	Special Events Commission	6:00 p.m.
26	Board of Adjustment	7:00 p.m.
26	Ward 3 Meeting - Bridgeton Trails Library	7:00 p.m.
26	Ward 2 Meeting - City Hall	7:00 p.m.
26	Ward 1 Meeting - City Hall	7:00 p.m.

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5	Municipal Court	6:00 p.m.
6	Sweetheart Ball, BCC	6:30 p.m.
9	Planning and Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.
10	Municipal Court	6:00 p.m.
11	Housing Board of Appeals (as needed)	7:30 p.m.
12	Beautification Commission	6:00 p.m.
16	Finance Commission	7:00 p.m.
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27	Senior Citizens Tax Refund Ends	

March

February

Calendar of Events