



JULY/AUGUST 2016

# BRIDGETON CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY

Bridgeton's 37th Annual Fourth of July Parade was once again a huge success. This year's theme was "Traveling the USA". A special thanks to the Parade Marshals: Kathy Barnholtz, George Mimms and Richard Norris.

Thanks to the Special Events Commission and others who helped plan the parade. Those who served as judges: Julie Chase, Kathy Mapp, Tanise Brooks, Marsha Hartman, Trish Hurlburt, Joe Hood and Mike Riley for their efforts and everyone who participated in the festivities. Thanks again for your hard work.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TROPHY AND PRIZE WINNERS:

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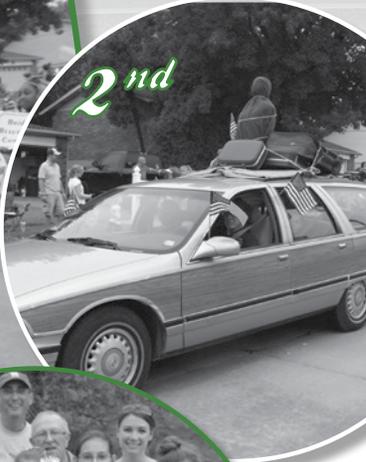
- First Place – Pattonville Fire Department
- Second Place – Bridgeton Day Camp
- Third Place – City Voices Chorus

#### Best Decorated Vehicles:

- First Place – Beautification Commission
- Second Place – Our Redeemer Truckster

#### Performance Award:

- First Place – Jr. Pirate Spirit
- Second Place – Dance Factory



# BRIDGETON BANNER



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# Elected Officials

## Mayor:

Terry W. Briggs  
373-3811

## 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



## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR BRIGGS

# COUNTY HEALTH STUDY OF AREA FINDS LITTLE CORRELATION OF BREATHING PROBLEMS TIED TO LANDFILL

The St. Louis County Health Department's study of a two-mile area around the Bridgeton Landfill found "statistically insignificant" differences in a variety of respiratory issues impacting residents as compared to comparable other areas of the county. More than 170 residents within a two-mile radius of the Bridgeton Landfill participated in the study along with 170 other St. Louis County residents in neighborhoods similar in character to those around the landfill.

Mayor Terry Briggs said the study is important in terms of calming some of the fears residents have expressed about the health impact of the subsurface smoldering event (fire) burning below the surface of the landfill. "Residents were rightfully concerned about the impact the fire may have had on their health. The odors from the landfill at times were very noxious. What this study revealed is that the landfill was not causing additional breathing, asthma or chronic oxygen pulmonary disorder (COPD), when compared to other areas in the county similar to Bridgeton."

Health officials found that there was a higher than normal percentage of smokers in the Bridgeton study area than normal. The smoking may be more of a health risk for individuals or even inhaling second hand smoke than there was from the burning Bridgeton Landfill.

Briggs noted that while the study's results were very encouraging, it does not diminish the need for a permanent solution to the problem. "There is still a smoldering subsurface event in the landfill and that needs to be extinguished. The landfill's owner needs to continue to take every step possible to put an end to this fire and eliminate any threat to the public's health and safety."

St. Louis County Executive Steve Stenger requested the county health department conduct the study, which began earlier this year. County health officials consulted with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in drafting questions and how to conduct the survey. "My understanding is the CDC was very impressed with the county's study and the results it revealed, said Mayor Briggs"

The study's findings should be a basis for moving forward with other research on the residents' health for those living near the landfill. "I would hope one or more of the universities in the community, with public health programs and research would continue to study any potential impact upon the health of residents so long as the subsurface smoldering event (fire) continues."

It should also be noted that the study focused only on the Bridgeton landfill and not the adjacent Westlake Landfill where radioactive waste has been stored since the 1970's. "The residents and the City of Bridgeton continue to push for a long-term solution to the storing of radioactive materials in a site that seems ill equipped to handle it," said Briggs. A bill pending before the U.S. House of Representatives would transfer authority over the clean-up of the Westlake Landfill from EPA to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' FUSWRAP program. Though the pending U.S. House bill has already passed the U.S. Senate, Mr. Steven Stockton, the Army Corp of Engineers' Director of Civil Works indicated in a June 6 Post-Dispatch article if there is a transfer of the site to the corps, it may take longer to initiate a cleanup of the site.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AWARDS CONTINUED

### Car Trophies:



Best in Class Antique:  
1930 Model A Ford – Ron Jackson



Best in Class Stock Custom:  
1936 Chevy 2-door Sedan – Ron  
Chandler



Best in Class Overall:  
1966 Chevy Pickup – Dave Klaus

## LANDSCAPING AWARDS

The Beautification Commission has made their first selection for landscaping awards that featured the late spring/early summer blooms. The winners had signs placed in their yards and receive a \$25 gift card from Branneky Hardware. The Beautification Commission welcomes nominations from the public for the late summer/early fall. Please call Angela Wright (739-5599) at the Community Center or contact any Bridgeton Beautification Commission member.

### The winners are:

Mr. Sherman Belk 11241 Tea Olive Dr.	Mr. James Morrison 4111 Domenico
Mr. & Mrs. Jaime Chier 3415 Falcon	Ms. Irmgard Owen 3240 Autumn View Pointe Dr.
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gentry 3843 Raymond	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Schaeffer 3631 Boston's Farm
Ms. Janet Harlan 3144 C Roger Williams	Mr. David Thomas 11690 Donny Cave

The business recognized for their efforts in beautifying the premises was Holy Angels II, 3499 DePaul Lane.



## EMPLOYEES RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS

Twenty-four Bridgeton employees were honored at the Annual Employee Service Awards Luncheon on May 5th. Mayor Briggs thanked those employees in attendance for their hard work and dedication to the City. The following employees were recognized with gift certificates from Massa's.

### EXECUTIVE

**5-Year**  
Tom Rickard

**20-Year**  
Carol Weirich

### GOLF

**10-year**  
Dave Levine

### PARKS

**15-Year**  
Rob Scherer

**40-Year**  
Stephanie Carver

### PUBLIC WORKS

**5-Year**  
David Bookless  
Craig George

**10-Year**  
Chuck Hastings  
Don Lazar

**15-Year**  
Greg Folsom  
Gary Laughlin  
Jim McNamee  
Bryan Young

### POLICE

**5-Year**  
Clay Dean  
Jennifer Eagen  
Michael Johnson

**10-Year**  
Michael Ubben

**15-Year**  
Penny Kimes  
Kevin Quinlisk

**30-Year**  
Joe Orlando

**35-Year**  
Fred Maechling

**40-Year**  
Phil Law

Employees recognized for serving five years were also given a lapel pin.

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### CONCERT IN THE PARK

If you haven't made it to a Concert in the Park this year you have two more chances. Mark your calendar for August 14th to hear Rockin' Chair (Rocking the '70's) and August 28th for Mirage.

The concerts are held in the new Gentry Park Band Shell located directly behind the historical Payne-Gentry House. Grab a blanket or lawn chair and join us on Sunday evening from 6 to 8 p.m.

### DOG SWIM

On September 10th from 1-3 p.m. humans are admitted free with their dog's paid admission: dog must have proof of rabies and DHLPP vaccination. The admission fee is \$10 if you pre-register or \$13 at the door.

### REDUCED POOL HOURS

Bridgeton Crossing will be closed August 10-12, August 15-19, August 22-26, and August 29-September 2. Please check your Parks and Recreation brochure for the reduction in hours at the outdoor pool due to the beginning of school. This information can also be found on the City's website under the Parks and Recreation information – [www.bridgetonmo.com](http://www.bridgetonmo.com).

### BERRY HILL GOLF COURSE DATES

**Berry Hill Junior Club Championship** – August 4th

**Berry Hill Club Championship** – August 6th and 7th

**Couples Golf** – August 21st

See the City website or call the Golf Course (314) 731-7979 for more details.

### FALL PLANT GIVEAWAY

The Beautification Commission will distribute a complimentary plant or bush to Bridgeton residents on Saturday, September 10 at 9 a.m. at the outdoor pool. We are asking that you remain in your car. There will be a drive through procession. This is an attempt to make it quicker and safer for participating residents.

**NOTE:** The Commission will not distribute the plants/bushes earlier than 9 a.m. Proof of residency is required: supplies are limited. **Please call 739-5599 for more information.**





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## 2017 HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Federal funds are available for the Home Improvement Program (HIP), a program to provide technical advice and financial assistance to qualified homeowners for a variety of home repairs. St. Louis County's Office of Community Development, Home Improvement Program staff, administers the program.

An applicant must be the owner and occupant of the property. Gross household income from all occupants must meet established low-moderate income guidelines. Homeowners cannot live in a flood plain and must be current with their St. Louis County real estate taxes. Applicants are added to a waiting list and served on a first-come first-served basis until all funds are committed. To apply, call 615-8232. Funds must be under contract by December 31, 2016.

## Senior Volunteer Recognition Luncheon



The annual Senior Volunteer Recognition Luncheon was held June 15 at the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex. This annual luncheon honors over 120 volunteers who work in various programs sponsored by the City and partner organizations. The volunteer activities recognized were: income tax assistance, Meals on Wheels program, County Older Resident Program, Mid-East Area Agency on Aging Program, Telecare programs, Senior Citizen Coordinating Committee, newsletter assembly, health care directive assistance, craft fair/ coffee and donut sales, Bridgeton Culinary Band, special events.