



Bridgeton BANNER

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December 2011-January 2012

Your Elected Officials

Mayor:

Conrad W. Bowers – 739-7666
or 209-0222

Municipal Judge:

Joseph Larrew

Ward 1:

Pamela Tanner – 739-7297
Bob Saettele – 291-1131

Ward 2:

Robert Benben – 291-5841
Linda Eaker – 291-3880

Ward 3:

Ferd Fetsch – 291-3021
Christine Waitman – 291-4978

Ward 4:

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

City Hall – 739-7500

Community Center

739-5599



Bridgeton Update



Mayor Bowers

From the Desk of Mayor Bowers:

As we enter the final month of 2011 I think it is safe to say it has been an eventful year. Of course the biggest story is the “Good Friday Tornado” that struck Bridgeton, but there have been a number of activities of note, including economic development, capital improvement projects, and the adjustment of ward boundaries.

New Ward Boundaries for 2012

The City Charter requires that the City’s four wards are contiguous, compact, and contain, as nearly as practical, the same number of residents as determined by the most recent census. In no event can the number of residents in any ward vary by more than 2% from the number of residents in any other ward. This also is a requirement of the State of Missouri.

Ward boundaries were last established during 2001 based on the 2000 Census. Bridgeton’s population in 2000 was 15,550. The 2010 census states that our population is now 11,550. This population loss is due primarily to the purchase of homes by the airport for the W-1W runway after the 2000 census. These purchases, included four major subdivisions Carrollton, Carrollton Oaks, Carrollton Estates and Cambridge Crossing, resulted in the City’s residential population being distributed unequally across the City’s four wards. In fact, the population was concentrated in one geographic area with one ward having approximately twice as many residents as another.

In April 2011, the City Council appointed five Bridgeton residents, per guidelines contained in the City Charter, to a Districting Commission. The Commission’s task was to make an unbiased recommendation to the City Council for ward boundary changes. The Commission studied the distribution of residential population and worked to correct the population imbalance of the wards.

In September 2011, the Commission presented a recommendation for revised ward boundaries to the Council. They proposed wards with resident population varying by no more than two percent. Some of the changes to the wards were substantial, but necessary due to the population change Bridgeton experienced.

The Commission’s recommendation was reviewed by the City Council and residents were given the opportunity to provide input. The Council voted to approve the recommended ward boundaries as proposed. The new ward boundaries will become effective city-wide when the newly elected Council is seated during April of 2012. However individuals seeking election in the April 2012 election will run in the newly defined ward boundaries.

A large-format map of the new ward boundaries is on display in City Hall and is also available on the City’s website (www.bridgetonmo.com) for review.

Economic Development

Most questions on economic development relate to the status of the new Wal-Mart Super Center. As you may have seen, construction of the new Wal-Mart Super Center is underway. Officials at Wal-Mart have indicated they intend to open the store in July 2012.

Capital Improvement Projects

The City has many active road, bridge and storm water capital projects. Road projects include Melody Lane, Raymond/Taplan Lane, Banks Road, Locke Avenue, Parkwood Lane and phase 1 of Fee Fee road reconstruction. Bridges include the Missouri Bottom Road Bridge and the Gist Road Bridge. Storm water projects include many subdivision retention basins. Many of these active capital projects will be multi-year projects. Future issues of the Banner will provide more specific information on capital projects. If you have questions on these projects or any city issue, please contact your council representative or the mayor. We will be happy to hear from you.

Nominating Petitions Now Available for Office of Councilperson (One in Each Ward) in the City of Bridgeton for April 3, 2012 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 the City of Bridgeton.

FILING FOR OFFICE OPENS 8:30 A.M. MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2012, AND CLOSSES AT 5:00 P.M. MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012. PETITIONS ARE TO BE FILED IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS AT CITY HALL.

Service International Named Volunteer of the Year



The 32nd annual Boards and Commissions dinner was held on Oct. 21st at the Bridgeton Banquet Center. The elected officials sponsor this dinner to recognize the many volunteers who serve the City on one of the fourteen active Boards or Commission. Mr. Ed Fasnacht from Service International was the featured speaker for the evening. Service International was also honored as volunteer of the year.

Service International began in 1985 as a support agency for missionaries and other charitable organizations, but its focus took a critical turn in the summer of 1993. The headquarters was submerged in torrents of filthy floodwater during the Great Flood of '93. Founder, Jeff Perry, was appointed to the Mayor's Task Force on disaster recovery, and Service International accepted the challenge of spearheading the clean-up effort. With the experience and expertise gained from this personal disaster, Service International now reaches into devastated communities around the world with leadership training, volunteer coordination, materials, supplies, and hands-on rebuilding.

The following businesses made donations for attendance prizes at the dinner: Casa Gallardo, Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, Embassy Suites, Massa's, Orchid'dell Florist & Gift Shop, Schnucks Market, and Wal-Mart.

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

Tales on the Trail 2011

Thank you to all who attended the Tales on the Trail event held on October 2 at the Riverwoods Park and Trail. It was a huge success, including the beautiful weather, with 125 attending. The event was sponsored by the Bridgeton Historical Commission, Great Rivers Greenway District and the Bridgeton Parks and Recreation.

The Bridgeton Historical Commission members and other participants had displays with interesting information about early Bridgeton and the surrounding area including the bridges, churches, roads, the Montana shipwreck and the Payne-Gentry Historical Home.

Riverwoods Trail is open seven days a week until dusk and is located at the far west end of St. Charles Rock Road. Bikes and dogs are welcome. The Payne-Gentry House has scheduled days for guided tours or special times can be scheduled. For additional information, call the Bridgeton Community Center, 314-739-5599. For special tours or additional Historical information, ask for Cindy.

Part-Time Employment Opportunities for 2012

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.

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

Thank You!

The **Federated Garden Club of Missouri** teamed up with **Forest ReLeaf of Missouri** to provide free trees to Bridgeton tornado victims Saturday, October 1, 2011. Approximately 150 residents participated. The Federated Garden Club of Missouri also partnered with the Bridgeton Beautification Commission to notify victims, set up delivery and distribution. Heartfelt Kudos and a big thank you to all three organizations. For information regarding the Federated Garden Club of Missouri go to www.gardenclubsofmissouri.org.

If you would like information regarding Forest ReLeaf of Missouri, go to www.moreleaf.org.



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."

Upcoming Events

Candlelight Tours of the Payne-Gentry House

The Historical Commission and Society will provide a nostalgic glimpse at 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 December 3rd and Sunday, December 4th. In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled for Saturday, December 10th and Sunday, December 11th. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and \$1 for children ages 4-15.

Breakfast with Santa

Join Santa himself for a yummy breakfast at the Community Center. Bring your camera to capture your family's photo opportunities. A craft and other entertainment will be provided.

Children 2 years and older are invited to attend on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:30 to 11 a.m. All family members must register. Registration ends Monday, Nov. 28th or when full. Resident fee is \$6 per person. Non-resident fee is \$8 per person. Children 2 years of age and under are free, but must be listed as a participant at the

time of registration.

Bridgeton Beautification Winter Lighting Tour

The Bridgeton Beautification Commission will conduct their annual winter home & business light judging tour on Sunday, December 11, 2011 starting at 5:00 pm. **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 the 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 2011.

REMINDER

If a holiday occurs during the week, all trash collections following the holiday that particular week will be delayed one day. Also, remember trash cans must be stored behind the front building line when not in use.

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

- 1 Municipal Court6:00 p.m.
- 6 Design and Review Board7:00 p.m.
- 7 City Council7:00 p.m.
- 8 Beautification Commission9:00 a.m.
- 12 Planning and Zoning Commission7:00 p.m.
- 13 Municipal Court6:00 p.m.
- 14 Housing Board of Appeals7:30 p.m.
Street Commission7:00 p.m.
- 15 Historical Commission.....6:00 p.m.
- 19 Police Commission7:00 p.m.
Personnel Commission.....7:00 p.m.
- 20 Design and Review Board7:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Board6:30 p.m.
- 21 City Council7:00 p.m.
- 22 Board of Adjustment.....7:00 p.m.
- 23 **BERRY HILL GOLF COURSE**
CLOSES FOR THE SEASON
- 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
Community Center Open from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
City Hall and Community Center Closed

JANUARY

- 1 **NEW YEAR'S DAY.** Community Center Closed.
- 2 City Hall Closed. Community Center Open.
- 2 Senior Citizens Tax Refund now through Feb. 28
- 3 Design and Review Board7:00 p.m.
- 4 City Council7:00 p.m.
- 5 Municipal Court6:00 p.m.
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Municipal Court10:00 a.m.
- 23 Special Events Commission6:00 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission7:00 p.m.
- 24 Municipal Court6:00 p.m.
- 25 Ward 3 Meeting – City Hall7:00 p.m.
- 26 Senior Citizens Coordinating Committee 10:00 a.m.
Board of Adjustment.....7:00 p.m.

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

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Pet licenses for 2012 will be available for purchase at City Hall **BEGINNING January 3rd.** Proof of rabies inoculation is required. The fee is \$2.00.



Pet Licenses Due

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