



Bridgeton BANNER

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January - February 2012

Your Elected Officials

Mayor:

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

Municipal Judge:

Joseph Larrew

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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
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City Hall – 739-7500

Community Center

739-5599



Bridgeton Will Construct New City Garage

By Mayor Conrad Bowers



Mayor Bowers

The City of Bridgeton has one remaining major task associated with the clean up resulting from the Good Friday Tornado. Bridgeton's Public Works Central Garage and Office, located on Fee Fee Rd., was severely damaged by the tornado. This facility houses the Street Department offices and serves as the maintenance facility for all city vehicles. Residents may have noticed the temporary mobile units placed at the facility, following the tornado to house the Street Department office and lockers for Street Department workers. The City Council made a decision during October to supplement the insurance settlement for the extensive damage to that facility and construct a new building on the existing site. The City's needs have changed since the completion of the existing facility in 1971. In 1971 the City had one mechanic, six street employees and a fleet of 21 vehicles. Currently the City has three mechanics, 21 street employees and a fleet of 80 vehicles. Today 356 pieces of city equipment are tracked, by computer, for ongoing maintenance and service. The City Council voted to finance the new \$3,000,000 facility using Certificates of Deposit. Since the City of Bridgeton has an excellent financial rating, these Certificates can be obtained with a very favorable interest rate. Construction will begin during 2012.

Property owners for both commercial and residential structures continue with rebuilding or repairing tornado related damage. The tornado hit 600 structures, including both commercial and residential, in the City of Bridgeton. Many of the tornado damaged structures have been completely rebuilt and others repaired. Unfortunately some properties remain in total disrepair. In some cases there has not been a settlement between the property owner and their insurance company; the City is not a party to these negotiations. The City does understand that in some situations it is difficult to get an

adequate settlement and reach an agreement with an insurance company. City officials do not want to further add to stress for property owners because of the difficulties resulting from the tornado. However, at some point the City Council may need to pursue legal efforts to clean up properties and restore the appearance of our neighborhoods.

I am very pleased that the Administration and Council have lived up to their commitment to clean up the tornado debris. The City promised after the tornado that if tornado debris and limbs were placed at the curbside, the City would do whatever was required to clean up the City. This effort required more than 3,000 truck loads to haul a total of 51,117 cubic yards of tree debris to a central site for chipping. City trucks and employees, working twelve hour shifts, were utilized for this effort. In addition, the City used the services of Allied Waste Company to haul 199 dumpster of debris to the land fill. Thanks to the excellent records submitted by Bridgeton Administration most of the costs associated with the cleanup efforts will be recovered from F.E.M.A.

The Bridgeton Tornado Relief Fund was a huge success. The fund served its intended purpose and is in the process of being closed. Close to \$90,000 was raised and distributed based on the guidelines established by the Tornado Relief Fund Committee. Ninety-one families were assisted financially. It was gratifying to receive so many appreciative notes. The committee also expressed concern about the recovery of our state neighbor, Joplin, MO. Anyone who would like to contribute to the recovery fund for Joplin can mail checks to Joplin Recovery Fund c/o Community Foundation of the Ozarks, PO Box 8960, Springfield, MO 65801 (include Joplin recovery fund in the memo line).

Again on behalf of all the elected officials, I wish to thank all the excellent volunteers, great employees, and our residents and property owners for their most successful efforts in the tornado recovery process.



Bridgeton Holiday Lighting Contest



Congratulations to all of the 2011 Holiday Lighting Award Winners and Honorable Mentions. 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!

House Judging Tour on Sunday, December 11th. 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 Bridgeton Beautification Commission conducted their annual

The Beautification Commission selected the following residential winners:

Carl Mayer
4048 Domenico

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Zarinelli
11737 Avery

Mr. & Mrs. Marlin Henley
3761 Three Oaks

R. Briggs
3653 Boston's Farm Ct.

T. Schaeffer
3631 Boston's Farm

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Kirchoff
3435 Falcon

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Tedeschi
3638 Falcon

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Barron
3645 Bostons Farm

Mr. & Mrs. Ian Faulkingham
11253 Oak Hill Manor Drive

M. Munzo
11792 Minot

Honorable Mentions:

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cooper
3769 Three Oaks

E. Braneky
3509 Falcon

Business:

Cypress Village Apartments



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.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT OF RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS

Granted Special Use permit for automobile repair, major and minor, at 12101 St. Charles Rock Road

Approved materials for Public Works Department

Adjusted new ward boundaries

Amended Special Use Permit 02-47 to allow sale of intoxicating liquor in conjunction with an automobile service station/convenience store

Granted Special Use Permit for automobile repair at 11537-11545 St. Charles Rock Road (Car Craft Carstar)

Granted Special Use Permit for automobile repair at 11453-11463 St. Charles Rock Road (Hubcap and Wheel Store)

Granted a Special Use Permit for winery at 12855 Boenker Lane

Adopted Resolution 11-13 declaring the City's official intent regarding capital expenditures to be reimbursed with proceeds of tax-exempt bonds (new central garage)

Golf Course Opening

Berry Hill Golf Course
is scheduled to reopen
on **MARCH 1ST.**



PET LICENSES DUE

Pet licenses for 2012 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 10th 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. 6th or when full. Register early-space is limited! Resident fee is \$27 per couple. Non-resident fee is \$32 per couple. The cost for an additional girl is \$14 each.

Pirate Parrty

ARRR you ready for some fun? Boys, ages 3-8, get their own event as they spend an afternoon with a special adult in their lives (mom, dad, grandma, aunt, uncle, etc.). We'll enjoy pirate-themed activities and snacks, make some swashbuckling crafts, and finally "walk the plank" at the Bridgeton indoor pool. All boys must be accompanied in the pool by a swimming adult.

Make plans for Saturday, February 25th from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Registration closes Monday, February 20th, or when full.

Resident fee is \$20 per pair. Non-resident fee is \$24 per pair. The cost for an additional boy is \$10 each.

She And Me Princess 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 10th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. We will serve tea or punch and cookies to all participants. Girls will receive a tiara and other goodies, as well as have their face painted by Impish Grin Face Art. Girls and their "she" will work together on a craft to take home. Bring your camera and dress for tea. Registration closes Monday, March 5th, or when full. Register early; space is VERY limited. Resident fee is \$20 a pair. Non-resident fee is \$24 a pair. Each addition girl is \$10.

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 29th from 2-3 p.m. The workshop is FREE – but please pre-register by January 25th.

Heartsaver CPR

Heartsaver CPR is a class designed to teach the potential rescuer the steps to follow in order to perform CPR in a life-threatening situation. Participants will be taught CPR techniques for adults, children and infants. This class is ideal for anyone working in the field of daycare, in a school, or any other place of employment where first responders are needed. Skill performance is required for completion of this class, and upon successful completion, each participant will receive a card from the American Heart Association. Class will be instructed by Rich Beckmann. This class will be held on Wednesday, February 15th from 6-9 p.m. The Resident fee is \$43 and Non-resident fee is \$46.

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 17, 18, 19, 25, 26	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
S2	March 16, 17, 18, 24, 25	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
S3	April 20, 21, 22, 28, 29	9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The cost for Residents is \$175; Non-residents is \$195.

Calendar of Events

February

- 1 City Council.....7:00 p.m.
- 2 Municipal Court.....6:00 p.m.
- 7 Design and Review Board.....7:00 p.m.
- 8 Street Commission.....7:00 p.m.
- Housing Board of Appeals7:30 p.m.
- 9 Beautification Commission6:00 p.m.
- Finance Commission7:00 p.m.
- 10 Sweetheart Ball, BCC6:30 p.m.
- 13 Planning and Zoning Commission7:00 p.m.
- 14 Municipal Court.....6:00 p.m.
- 15 Business Watch Meeting8:00 a.m.
- City Council.....7:00 p.m.
- 16 Municipal Court.....10:00 a.m.
- Historical Commission6:00 p.m.
- 20 President’s Day - City Hall Closed
- 21 Design and Review Board.....7:00 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Board6:00 p.m.
- 23 Board of Adjustment7:00 p.m.
- 27 Planning and Zoning Commission7:00 p.m.
- Special Events Commission6:00 p.m.
- 28 Municipal Court.....6:00 p.m.
- 29 Senior Citizens Tax Refund Ends

March

- 1 Berry Hill Golf Course Opens for the Season
- Municipal Court.....6:00 p.m.
- 6 Design and Review Board.....7:00 p.m.
- 7 City Council.....7:00 p.m.
- 8 Beautification Commission6:00 p.m.
- 12 Planning and Zoning Commission7:00 p.m.
- 13 Municipal Court6:00 p.m.
- 14 Housing Board of Appeals7:30 p.m.
- Street Commission.....7:00 p.m.
- 15 Historical Commission6:00 p.m.
- Municipal Court.....10:00 a.m.
- 19 Police Commission7:00 p.m.
- Personnel Commission7:00 p.m.
- 20 Design and Review Board.....7:00 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Board6:00 p.m.
- 21 Business Watch Meeting8:00 a.m.
- City Council.....7:00 p.m.
- 22 Board of Adjustment7:00 p.m.
- 26 Planning and Zoning Commission7:00 p.m.
- Special Events Commission6:00 p.m.
- 27 Municipal Court.....6:00 p.m.
- 28 Ward 3 Meeting – City Hall7:00 p.m.
- Ward 2 Meeting – City Hall7:00 p.m.
- Ward 1 Meeting – City Hall7:00 p.m.

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