



Bridgeton BANNER

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January - February 2014

Your Elected Officials

Mayor:

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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
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City Hall – 739-7500

Community Center

739-5599



Mayor Bowers

Bridgeton Prepares For 2014

By Mayor Conrad Bowers

As we enter 2014, we look back at some of the major events of 2013 that will impact 2014. During May we suffered our second tornado in a two year period.

This tornado was classified as an EF-2 in terms of wind velocity as compared to the 2011 EF-4 tornado; however, it damaged many structures and required an extensive limb clean-up period. Fortunately again, as was the case in the Good Friday 2011 tornado, there were no serious injuries. Unfortunately, the extended clean-up period necessitated delaying ongoing street and sidewalk repairs. We plan to catch-up completely, during 2014, using outside services if necessary.

In spite of the tornado the City took many positive steps during 2013. In November we completed and moved into the new Public Works facility on Fee Fee Road. The Bridgeton Planning and Zoning Commission approved the City's updated comprehensive plan. This plan provides a framework for making informed decisions, such as, rezoning properties and planning for major infrastructure projects. Many properties within Bridgeton's boundaries, purchased for noise abatement or airport expansion, remain vacant. Working with current airport management, we made a start to return vacant property to productive use. A new compressed natural gas fueling station, which will be open to the public, was constructed on land

originally purchased by the airport for noise abatement.

Most significant in 2013 Bridgeton voters approved a one-quarter cent sales tax to fund bonds that are being issued to finance the construction of a new Bridgeton Recreation Center. These bonds were issued at a most favorable interest rate due to our City's maintaining a Moody's Investors Service credit rating of Aa-2.

This rating by Moody's is significant and demonstrates the excellent financial condition and stability of the City of Bridgeton. Only 25 cities in the State of Missouri have this or a higher Moody's rating. During December your City Council, in a unanimous vote, approved an agreement with the architectural firm of Hastings and Chevetta to design the new Bridgeton Recreation Center.

The new Recreation Center will be situated immediately behind the existing Community Center, which will remain open until the new center is completed during 2015. Please keep up with the progress on the new Recreation Center by visiting the Community Center or going to the City of Bridgeton website.

The City of Bridgeton will be very busy with other major projects during 2014. Phase 1 of the reconstruction of Fee Fee road, from Maryland Heights to Old St. Charles Road, will be completed in 2014. At the completion of Phase 1, we will be ready to start on Phase 2, which will continue from Old St. Charles Road to Highway 70. Additionally,

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SENIOR CITIZEN UTILITY TAX REFUND

If you are a Bridgeton resident age 65 or over* as of January 2013 (or receiving Social Security Disability effective 12/1/13) you may be eligible to receive a tax refund from the City of Bridgeton for the following utilities: gas, electric, water and telephone (landline OR cell phone taxes are refunded – not both).

Now through Friday, February 29, 2014, bill receipts will be accepted for the previous 12 month period (January through December 2013.) NO EXCEPTIONS AND NO EXCUSES! Actual bill receipts are required for proper payment and should be submitted to the Community Center in person (for first timers) or by mail for returning residents. The Senior staff will be available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proof of age and residency is required. For more information, please call the Senior office at 314/739-5599.

*Note: For those residents who have recently reached the age of 65, eligibility begins the full month following your date of birth. (i.e. a resident born on 1/15/49 would be eligible from February through December.)



Bridgeton Holiday Lighting Contest

Congratulations to all of the 2013 Winter 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!**

The Bridgeton Beautification Commission conducted their annual Winter Lighting Contest Tour on Sunday, December 15th. 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.

Winners:

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| 11546 Mark Twain LN | Anthony & Lori Braswell |
| 11815 Admiralton | James Martin |
| 12024 Jacobson Ct | Kim & Richard Shamel |
| 12190 Mark Twain | Michael & Sharon Yocum |
| 3298 Bridgeport Pl | Brian & Debbie Dufaux |
| 11980 Beaverton | Jerry L. Siefert |
| 3875 Park Pl | Alice Bath |
| 3274 Bridgeport PL | Gary & Judith Sobocinski |
| 11560 Wickshire Ct | Katherine Stranquist |
| 11960 Beaverton | John R. Fitterling |

Business: Life Care Center of Bridgeton

Honorable Mentions:

- 11911 Brookington
- 11983 Brookington
- 11990 Brookington
- 3234 Bridgeport Pl
- 3138-3144 Roger Williams
- 11242 Terry Ave

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our park system will continue to make improvements to our existing system of walking and bike trails. Plans exist to connect the Riverwoods Trail to trails in other communities, including the Katy Trail in St. Charles.

Our City continues to attract new businesses. CVS pharmacy was opened in November and Jimmy Johns and Chipotle restaurants are scheduled for completion during 2014. Also new manufacturing firms have chosen to locate in the City of Bridgeton. A future issue of the Banner will provide details on ongoing economic development.

During the final meeting of 2013, your City Council unanimously

BOB BENBEN NAMED VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



The City of Bridgeton hosted the 34TH annual Boards and Commissions dinner on November 8th 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. Susan Trautman, Executive Director of Great Rivers Greenway was the featured speaker for the evening.

Bob Benben served on City Council from 2009 – 2013. He now serves on the Parks & Recreation Board. Bob served as chairman of the “Friends of Bridgeton” committee that promoted building a new recreation center. Known as “Coach” to many he retired from Pattonville School District as the athletic director and was elected into the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 2013. He also received the Bob Broeg Award for exemplifying teaching and coaching in the game of baseball.

The following businesses made donations for attendance prizes at the dinner: Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, CVS Pharmacy, El Maguey, Massa’s, Orchid’dell Florist & Gift Shop, Red Lobster, Sports Café, TGI Friday.

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

approved the 2014 budget. This \$25 million budget includes a general cost of living increase for all full-time employees of 1.5 percent and funds for scheduled merit increases. In addition the budget allocates significant funds for capital projects.

For individuals interested in seeing a copy of the 2014 budget, a copy is available at the Bridgeton Trails Library. In addition the latest copy of the Bridgeton annual report also is available at the library. If you have questions related to the 2014 budget or planned projects, please contact any of your elected officials. We will be happy to hear from you.

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2014

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.

PET LICENSES DUE

Pet licenses for 2014 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.



GOLF COURSE OPENING

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

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 7th 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 \$14 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 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

S2 March 7, 8, 9, 15, 16 9 a.m.-5 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.

MUSICAL ADVENTURES

Musical Adventures is a social and skill building class for toddlers through preschool aged children (ages 2-6). Core musical concepts and rhythms are instilled in each child through play and interaction with trained professional instructors. Children will explore the world of music through familiar songs, fun dance tunes and hands-on instrument experience. Instructors use the guitar to teach and children are introduced to a wide variety of percussion instruments. (8 weeks)

Saturdays January 18-March 8 9:15-9:45 a.m. Ages 2-3
9:45-10:15 a.m. Ages 4-5

Mondays January 20-March 10 5:30-6 p.m. Ages 5-6
Fee for Residents is \$70*, Non-residents \$75*

Group Guitar

This class is for ages 9 to adult who demonstrate an interest on the acoustic guitar. Students will learn the basics of the guitar from notes to how to move between chord progressions, and will put together tunes. Students have the option to perform live at a Prestige event. (8 weeks)

Mondays January 20-March 10 6-7 p.m.

Resident fee is \$80*, Non-Residents \$85*

*A 10% discount is offered for each additional child enrolled

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 6'. Admission free for shoppers. Event is held in the Bridgeton Community Center Sunday, March 2 from 2-5 p.m. Residents \$25; Non-residents \$30

JULY 4, 2014 CELEBRATION PARADE

The Bridgeton Special Events Commission is already organizing Bridgeton's Annual July 4th 2014 parade and has decided on the theme "Childhood Memories." We are looking for you to capture some of your childhood memories (i.e., TV shows, games, music, cartoons, books, movies, family vacations, Disney characters, toys, circus, dreams, 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 2014. Be sure to sign up early!



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Calendar of Events

	February	March
4	Design and Review Board7:00 p.m.	Berry Hill Golf Course Opens for the Season7:00 p.m.
5	City Council7:00 p.m.	Design and Review Board7:00 p.m.
6	Municipal Court6:00 p.m.	City Council7:00 p.m.
7	Sweetheart Ball, BCC6:30 p.m.	Municipal Court6:00 p.m.
10	Planning and Zoning Commission7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission7:00 p.m.
11	Municipal Court6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court6:00 p.m.
12	Street Commission7:00 p.m.	Housing Board of Appeals7:30 p.m.
13	Housing Board of Appeals7:30 p.m.	Street Commission7:00 p.m.
13	Beautification Commission6:00 p.m.	Beautification Commission6:00 p.m.
17	Finance Commission7:00 p.m.	Police Commission7:00 p.m.
18	President's Day - City Hall Closed	Personnel Commission7:00 p.m.
18	Design and Review Board7:00 p.m.	Design and Review Board7:00 p.m.
19	Parks and Recreation Board6:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Board6:00 p.m.
19	Business Watch Meeting8:00 a.m.	Business Watch Meeting8:00 a.m.
20	City Council7:00 p.m.	City Council7:00 p.m.
20	Municipal Court10:00 a.m.	Historical Commission6:00 p.m.
24	Historical Commission6:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission7:00 p.m.
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25	Special Events Commission6:00 p.m.	Special Events Commission6:00 p.m.
25	Municipal Court6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court6:00 p.m.
26	Board of Adjustment7:00 p.m.	Ward 1 Meeting - City Hall7:00 p.m.
27	Board of Adjustment7:00 p.m.	Ward 2 Meeting - City Hall7:00 p.m.
28	Senior Citizens Tax Refund Ends	Ward 3 Meeting - Bridgeton Trails Library7:00 p.m.

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