



# Bridgeton BANNER

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March - April 2014

## 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

## Bridgeton Coming Events

By Mayor Conrad Bowers



Mayor Bowers

*Work on our New Recreation Center is progressing and our Director of Parks, Walt Siemsglusz has provided the following update. Also I am very pleased that through the efforts of the Bridgeton Historical Commission the City of Bridgeton was chosen as one of the 250 sites to receive a cake commemorating the 250th Birthday of the City of St. Louis. These four foot fiberglass cakes are individually decorated by local artists.*

*Information on upcoming events include planned disposal and recycling opportunities at City Hall. The Bridgeton Special Events Commission is starting the planning process for the 2014 July 4th activities.*

### Recreation Center Update

The Bridgeton Parks and Recreation Department is currently in the Programming/Schematic Design phase in the construction of the new Recreation Center. In this phase, the architects take the information that the Department has provided about current programming, along with the information residents and users provided in their surveys, and combine it with their own expertise and knowledge. They then consider our budget requirements to develop a plan that will provide as many of the most requested activities as possible, yet still be affordable. Below is a very tentative Project Schedule. We will update it as more information becomes available. We will also schedule public forums to keep residents apprised of our progress and to show renderings of what the new facility will look like.

## Preliminary Project Schedule

Task	Start Date	Finish Date
Notice to Proceed	12/19/14	
Programming/Schematic Design	01/22/14	03/12/14
Owner Review and Approval	03/13/14	03/13/14
Design Development	03/14/14	05/09/14
Owner Review and Approval	05/10/14	05/10/14
Construction Documents	05/11/14	07/06/14
Owner Review and Approval	07/07/14	07/21/14
Bidding	07/22/14	08/19/14
Negotiation with Successful GC	08/20/14	09/03/15
Construction	09/04/14	09/03/15
Project Close Out	09/04/15	10/02/15

Please remember this is a very preliminary schedule. The new Recreation Center will be built behind the existing Community Center in the area currently occupied by the corporate (large) pavilion and senior garden. The plan is to build the new center and move into it before demolishing the existing building, with very little interruption of services. The Senior Garden will be closed until 2016. We explored several temporary locations but did not have anywhere that we felt was suitable or practical. Our intent is to incorporate the new garden

into the landscaping plan of the new center and make it a featured attraction of the park with benches, a water fountain, and easy access. We will also relocate the pavilion and bathrooms to coordinate with the other features of Gentry Park and the Recreation Center. As the project continues, we will provide updates and views of the plans as they become available. Please contact Walt Siemsglusz, Director of Parks and Recreation, at (314) 739-5599 with any questions or comments.



# Don't Forget to Vote April 8th

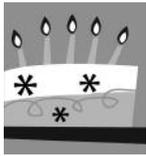


The following individuals have filed for candidacy in the April municipal election:

- Ward 1:** Scott Zimmer 11454 Ann Mar
- Ward 2:** Linda Eaker 3255 Autumn View Pointe Dr
- Ward 3:** Randy Hein 4127 Scotch
- Ward 4:** Barbara Abram 1772 Archerton Ct.

All candidates are running unopposed.

## 250 Birthday Cake - St. Louis - Cake Way To The West



The City of Bridgeton's historical Payne-Gentry House has been designated as a "Cakeway to the West" location in celebration of the 250 year birthday of St. Louis. The cake decorated by local artists will be on the lawn of the Payne-Gentry House located at 4201 Fee Fee Road. A special kick-off for the Cake celebration is planned for

April 6, at 1pm at the Payne-Gentry house. Special events are planned for the first Sunday of each month at 2pm including activities of the 1800 era. The house will be included as part of an interactive contest to encourage residents and visitors to broaden their knowledge of the rich history of the City of St. Louis and metropolitan area. Tours of the Payne-Gentry house are available the first and third Sundays of the month from 1-4pm, April-November. For more information call Cindy at the Bridgeton Community Center, 314-739-5599.

## GFOA Certificate of Achievement

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Bridgeton by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to Dennis Rainey, Finance Officer for the City of Bridgeton, for preparing the award-winning CAFR. The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standard of the program. Congratulations to Dennis Rainey for a job well done.

## Bridgeton Beautification Commission Spring Bulb Give-Away

The Beautification Commission will distribute complimentary Lily Bulbs to Bridgeton residents on Sat., April 26, from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. or when supplies have been exhausted (whichever comes first).

The giveaway will take place at the Gentry Park Corporate Pavilion (back parking lot of the Bridgeton Community Center). We will have a



drive through line; we are asking that you please stay in your car. This is an attempt to make it quicker and safer for participating residents.

Note: The commission will not distribute any plants earlier than 9 a.m. Proof of residency is required: supplies are limited. Please call 739-5599 for more information.

## JULY 4, 2014 Celebration Is Less than Four Months Away!

"Childhood Memories" is the theme of this year's 4th of July parade. The Bridgeton Special Events Commission is already hard at work organizing Bridgeton's Annual July 4th activities and we are inviting citizens, businesses and friends of Bridgeton to participate. This year's participants should use their imagination to capture many 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 working on creative entries.

**Pick up your entry form** at the Bridgeton Community Center or Bridgeton Website mid-March. There is no entry fee. Enter a float, decorated vehicle, marching musical, precision group, classic car, or just dress up and participate in this tribute to St. Louis' traditions. **The deadline for entries is Friday, June 20th.**

The parade begins Friday, July 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Evening activities will be held at the Bridgeton Athletic Complex beginning at 6 p.m. The evening will include entertainment, a band, food, and a spectacular fireworks display at dusk.

## Beautification of Bridgeton

With the anticipation of warmer weather, the Beautification Commission would like to remind residents of the program rewarding those whose yards reflect the best of the seasons.

The Commission will be making selections twice this year to encompass the best bloom display times. The first selection will be made mid-June to capture late spring early summer blooms. The second selection will be made mid-September to portray the flourishing landscapes of late summer and the shades of early fall.

The Beautification Commission welcomes nominations from the public. Please call Angela Wright (739-5599) at the Community Center or contact any Bridgeton Beautification Commission member.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Mark Saturday, April 12 on the calendar and come join everyone's favorite bunny for breakfast before he hops off to deliver eggs on Easter. This event is for children ages 2 and older (Children ages 2 and under are free, but please register all family members!) Crafts, a petting zoo and other fun entertainment will be provided along with a hearty breakfast. Bring your camera for photos of your child with the Easter Bunny. Resident fee is \$6 per person. Non-resident fee is \$8 per person. Registration ends Monday, April 7 or when full.



8'. Cost for the space is \$27 for residents and \$32 for non-residents. Please register in person at the community center; you will receive additional information at that time. Registration ends Monday, March 31 or when full; event is filling quickly. Admission for shoppers ages 15 and up is \$1.

## Drug Take Back Day

The Drug Take Back Day will be April 26th on the City Hall upper parking lot from 10am-2pm. This is a partnership program between the DEA and the Bridgeton Police Department. This is a no questions asked drug take back program. The drop offs can be in their original package. All collected items and packages are incinerated.



## Easter 'Beg' Hunt

Just like the egg hunt, only for your furry children! On Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m. at the BMAC Soccer Field dogs will be allowed to "find" as many treats as possible in the hunt area.

Dogs must remain on leashes at all times. Don't forget to bring a basket to put your treats in...and make it cute!

Special prizes will be awarded for the best decorated basket. After the hunt ends, each dog will receive a doggie bag to take home. The Easter Bunny will be available for photos with your pet.

All ages are welcome, but pets must have a responsible adult present. Owners assume all responsibility for their dog's behavior. Dogs must be current on all vaccinations.

Resident fee is \$9 and Non-resident fee is \$12. BEG hunt registration ends Wednesday, April 9 or when full. Pre-registration is required.

## Indoor Garage Sale

Have a ton of stuff you need to get rid of after spring cleaning? Want to have a garage sale, but don't have a garage? We've got your answer! We'll be hosting an indoor garage sale in our gymnasium on Saturday, April 5 from 8 a.m. until Noon. We'll promote the sale for you and provide you with three 8' tables and a space that's approximately 6'x



## Free Recycling for Household Electronics

EPC, Inc. is sponsoring a free recycling day on April 26th from 10 am – 2 pm at City Hall for most household electronics. There will be a \$5 charge per unit for old CRT TV's and monitors (old tubed type equipment). There is a \$5 charge for secure data destruction for hard drives. This does NOT include large appliances.



## Walking Program Coming to the Bridgeton Community Center this April

Walking is great exercise at any age, and is an easy way to help keep the cardiovascular system in shape, no matter what your age. You might find the added benefit of a walking partner or three also brings new friendships, which are based on a common goal of achieving good health in your later years.

Walk with us twice weekly and experience nature along one of Bridgeton's walking trails located at BMAC. For information and pricing visit the Bridgeton website @ [www.Bridgetonmo.com](http://www.Bridgetonmo.com) under the Parks & Recreation section, or pick up information at the Bridgeton Community Center after March 4th.

## CITY CLERK'S REPORT OF RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS

Adopted new Section 130.060 fixing the fees and charges for Parks and Recreation Department programs, services, and activities

Executed an Architectural Agreement with Hastings & Chivetta Architects, Inc. for architectural services in connection with Bridgeton's new Recreation Center

Authorized contract with Holland Construction Services

for professional construction management services in connection with Bridgeton's new Recreation Center

Authorized the City of Bridgeton to enter into a Lease Purchase Transaction, the proceeds of which will be used to pay the costs of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new Recreation Center



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Calendar of Events

April

May

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1	Design and Review Board	7:00 p.m.	
2	City Council	7:00 p.m.	
8	<b>Election Day - City Hall Closed</b>		
9	Housing Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.	
10	Street Commission	7:00 p.m.	
14	Beautification Commission	6:00 p.m.	
14	Municipal Court	6:00 p.m.	
14	Planning and Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.	
15	Design and Review Board	7:00 p.m.	
15	Parks and Recreation Board	6:00 p.m.	
16	Business Watch Meeting	8:00 a.m.	
17	City Council	7:00 p.m.	
17	Historical Commission	6:00 p.m.	
21	Municipal Court	10:00 a.m.	
21	Personnel Commission	7:00 p.m.	
22	Police Commission	7:00 p.m.	
22	Municipal Court	6:00 p.m.	
24	Senior Citizens Coordinating Committee	10:00 a.m.	
24	Board of Adjustment	7:00 p.m.	
28	Planning and Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.	
28	Special Events Commission	6:00 p.m.	
1	Municipal Court	6:00 p.m.	
6	Design and Review Board	7:00 p.m.	
7	City Council	7:00 p.m.	
12	Planning and Zoning Commission	7:00 p.m.	
13	Municipal Court	6:00 a.m.	
14	Ward 4 Meeting, Bridgeway School	7:00 p.m.	
14	Housing Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.	
15	Street Commission	7:00 p.m.	
15	Historical Commission	6:00 p.m.	
19	Municipal Court	10:00 a.m.	
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21	City Council	7:00 p.m.	
22	Board of Adjustment	7:00 p.m.	
27	<b>MEMORIAL DAY - CITY HALL &amp; COMMUNITY CENTER CLOSED</b>		
28	Ward 3 Meeting Bridgeton Trails Library	7:00 p.m.	