

For those of you who have not seen it yet, the Kiwanis Club of Troy has installed some new playground equipment in Fairgrounds Park. It is at the west end of the park and replaces some older equipment that the Kiwanis Club had installed quite a few years ago. The City thanks the Kiwanis Club very much for its continued support of the city parks.

In the Police Department, several suspects in the Lincoln County Jewelry store robbery have been identified and one has been taken into custody. Our three new vehicles, Dodge Chargers like the highway patrol, are now on the street. Everyone in the Troy Police Department took their annual firearms training and the entire department passed the qualification.

In Public Works, just show you how things change from year to year, this year we pumped 31,800,000 gallons of water in September and that was 7,200,000 less than we pumped last year. During September there were seven (7) dogs at large calls and of them five were returned to their owners and two are still in the pound. I guess the five had city dog tags with owner contact information. Does your dog have a city dog tag? Due to the large number of leaks the water main along Kuhne Heights the city crew replaced the old 4" water line with a new 6" line which should give the folks that live along there more water pressure.

Sales tax deposits for October of 2014 were 19.5% higher than deposits for October of 2013. The 1% Local Sales Tax was 21.25% higher, the ½% Transportation Tax was 13.79% higher and the ½% Capital Improvement Tax was 21.73% higher than October of 2013. October's deposits would be for August's collections. For the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, our sales tax receipts are up by 12.8% compared to last year. So apparently our shop local campaign in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce is paying dividends.

During the month of September the Building Department issued permits on eight new housing starts. That's the best month we have had in a while and I hope it is a sign of things to come.

The City's Safety committee has changed the date of the City's annual training meeting to Thursday, December 18, 2014. Mid-Missouri Drug Testing will be conducting the workshop. As the date draws near, more details will be available.

Tonya Hawkins attended Missouri City Clerk Association Regional training on October 9th and 10th, learning about emergency planning, continuing operations plans and organizational training. This training enables Toney to apply for her MRCC certification in the near future.

I would like to welcome Mr. Leo Pagano as the newest member of the City's Park Board. We now have a full slate of volunteers and with many new faces I am looking forward to some new ideas and enthusiasm that could help improve the park system.

The City awarded the 2014-2015 asphalt street project to Mid River Asphalt. They were the low bidder at \$139,221.45. They will be starting right away and we hope that they can be done before the weather turns bad and the plants have to shut down.

The Blair Ave. and Trail Ave. Improvement Project has been awarded to Cannon Companies with a low bid of \$409,748.17. These two streets will have the 100+ year old sewer main and storm sewer main replaced and improved. Once that is complete the current sidewalks will be replaced and the street s

will be resurfaced. We anticipate that all of that work, with the exception of paving the streets, will be done before the end of 2014. The streets will repaved in the spring when the asphalt plants reopen. We will make sure that the contractor keeps the streets in good enough condition that they are not too much of an inconvenience to the residents.

Well that's it for this month. Be kind to one another and I will talk to you next month. God bless you all!