

Other than the fact that the Cardinals are finally playing meaningful games which means winter must be over. Right? The next most important thing would be that swimming pool passes went on sail on April 1st. Stop by city hall and get yours so you are ready when the pool opens on May 24th

What a month March was for the Troy Police Department. First there was the incident where two children walked away from Troy Middle School. Fortunately with the help of the Nixle Alert System, numerous law enforcement agencies and the public as a whole the two were located and returned to school safely. Then of course there was the case of the break in at Troy Buchanan High School. There was quite a bit of property damage as well as a stolen safe from the principal's office. While the suspect was considered armed and dangerous, when confronted he surrendered peacefully. Finally, there was the case of the multiple cars in various neighborhoods being egged. Do to some quick action by Officer Jim Reeds, Detective Roger Mauzy and Sgt. Ed Stretcher and the help of some alert employees at Walmart several suspects were apprehended quickly and admitted to the crime.

The Troy Police Department will be hosting Racial Profiling classes for our department and outside agencies. Major Raymond Floyd, who is state certified, will be putting on the classes April 15th and 16th. The cost to the outside agencies will be \$20.00 per person. Other training that will be taking place includes Lock Up Police combat System training. Classes will be conducted by Combat Instructor Lieutenant Dustin Tienter. The cost for outside agencies will be \$50.00 per student.

Last but not least, Det. James Stewart has been promoted to Public Information officer. Congratulations to Detective Stewart.

The Public Works Dept. has been trying to keep the pot holes filled as best they can until a more permanent fix can be done when the weather finally cooperates. If you are aware of a pothole that needs filling please let them know where it is located by calling 528-4646. They are working as fast as they can but the winter was just brutal on the streets this year.

Work will begin later in April on a new city well. The well will be located on the north side of Elm Tree Rd just east of the Baptist Church. After the drought we had last year and the fact that the National Weather Service says that Lincoln County is still in a "moderate" drought condition the city feels that this new well will help reduce future problems with supply like we had last year.

Sales tax deposits for March of 2014 were within \$539.17 of matching March of 2013. The 1% Local Sales Tax was .19% higher, the ½% Transportation Tax was 1.48% lower and the ½% Capital Improvement Tax was .49% higher. Our sales tax receipts for Fiscal Year 2014 are still up by 2.18% compared to F/Y 2013.

The City of Troy along with the Lincoln County R-III School District was requested to deposit with MoDOT their portion of matching funds for the pedestrian bridge. This date is 60 days prior to the letting of bids for the project. After several conversations with MoDOT the schedule is to have the bridge open for use by the time the next school year starts.

There has been such a favorable response to the recycling bin on the parking lot at city hall that we had to add a second 8 cubic foot bin. The bins are there for anyone to use, especially folks that live in areas where there is no recycling service.

There is a new member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, I would like to welcome Bart Berneking. Mr. Berneking has many years' experience in the building industry and his expertise will be very beneficial.

At the meeting on March 17th the Board of Alderman voted to sign a contract with Johnson Controls to develop a plan to modify the city's waste water system. The plan is to retro fit the Southwest plant to increase capacity from one million gallons per day to three million gallons per day. At the same time a line will be built to divert the entire flow from the Hwy 47 plant to the expanded plant at which time the Hwy 47 plant will be closed and disassembled. By making the southwest plant more efficient and eliminating the old plant the city should be able to pay for the upgrades with the savings. Thereby avoiding a rate increase to the citizens of Troy.

At the beginning of this article I mentioned that the Nixle Alert System was very instrumental in locating missing persons. If you have not signed up to receive alerts and notifications call or stop by city hall to get more information. You can also go to www.nixle.com and follow the directions. You can chose the methods by which you will be notified so don't wait.

That is it for this month. Let's root hard for the Cardinals to get back to the playoffs this year. Above all be kind to each other and be careful out there.

God bless you all.