The Police Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$18,387 by the Missouri Highway Safety Program for Traffic Enforcement. The money will be used to pay overtime for check points, speed enforcement and seat belt enforcement.

Recently, Major Raymond Floyd and Detective Roger Mauzy have been working with the DEA on drug investigations. As a result of these investigations and the arrests that were made the Troy Police Department will be receiving a percentage of the drug forfeiture money along with the opportunity to purchase a 2007 extended cab Silverado 4x4 pickup truck. The vehicle has only 60,000 miles on and the purchase price would be \$2,000.00. The funds used for the purchase will be from other drug forfeiture money the department already has. The truck will replace one of our existing detective vehicles that need to be replaced because of high mileage. The ability to take advantage of this and other opportunities allows the City to save money that would have to be used to purchase new police cars.

The Public Works Department is preparing for the summer street repair program. Several streets have been treated with aggregate seal coating which is designed to extend the life of the streets that we treat so that we can concentrate on the streets that need much more work. We are currently out for bid to replace Judy Lane from Huntington Dr. to Huntington Dr. This street will be torn up and replaced with an aggregate base and new concrete. In addition, the engineering work has begun to tear up and replace Blair Ave, Trail Ave. and Buchanan Ct. along with some sanitary and storm sewer repairs. Other asphalt streets that will be milled and/or overlaid are; Friendship Ct., Prospect Cr., Elm Tree Rd. in front of Whitetail Crossing Sub., and Creech St.

In the Parks Department we have begun the engineering for several projects. In Fairgrounds Park we will be replacing the entire parking lot including beefing up the gravel base so that it will last a long time and we will be resurfacing the basketball court. In Weinand Park we will be repairing a drainage problem that has created holes that are dangerous to people using the park. We will put a new surface on the parking lot and resurface the walking trail. These projects will be engineered and overseen by f3 Inc., an engineering firm located right here in Troy. We are always happy to be able to use local businesses to do the City's business. We look forward to working with Randy, Tom and the rest of the f3 team.

In addition to the above listed streets the City has been authorized to go out for bids on Cherry Blossom Way. This street will be completely torn up and replaced from Main St. to Third St. It will be widened to a full three lanes to allow traffic to pass going east and west while trucks are waiting to pull into Bodine and M.O.S.T. We are also hoping to have enough funds that we can put a sidewalk along the north side of Cherry Blossom Way so walkers and bikers do not have to be in the street.

Sales tax deposits for July of 2014 were 22.51% more than deposits for July of 2013. The 1% Local Sales Tax was 23.08% higher, the ½% Transportation Tax was 20.66% higher and the ½% Capital Improvement Tax was 23.18% higher than July of 2013. With the close of the fiscal year there are several tasks that need to be accomplished. Pursuant to state statute the City must

place a 6-month report in the local newspaper. This report must be published by the end of the month following a six-month period. We will also be in contact with our auditors to begin the audit process for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

The City would like to welcome the newest member of our team. On July 1<sup>st</sup> Sean Suddarth started working in the Building Department as our new building inspector. In addition to field training, which consists of going on inspections with Building Official Dave Lindsey and Infrastructure Inspector Brad Shaw, Sean is studying on line courses for his first certification test that will take place in about three months. The City is happy to have Sean and look forward to a long and fulfilling relationship together.

A review of pool passes and resident cards sold since 1/1/2014 show activity at the same level as last year's season. Rachel, our seasonal administrative assistant, remains until July 30<sup>th</sup> when sales begin to slow. Rachel's help in offering off-hours for citizens' convenience in family pass purchases was successful in its first year with 13 weeks out of 18 weeks to date (Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons) utilized by citizens for pool pass purchases. We have enjoyed having Rachel at City Hall. We will miss her smiling face and hope that she is able to return next season.

The City had contracted with T. Drury Contracting, Inc. to drill a new water well south of town alongside of Elm Tree Rd., unfortunately we hit a pocket of liquid sand that prevented the well from being dug deep enough. We will be abandoning that site after we seal up the pilot hole in accordance with DNR regulations. All indications were that this would be a good site based on the numerous wells already in the immediate vicinity but until you start drilling you never know for sure what you are going to find.

I would like to thank Jennifer Ellison for volunteering to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission. Jennifer is a lifelong resident of Troy and owns a business, Troy Flooring Center, on Main St. so she has a vested interest in preserving the downtown area.

That's it for this month. I hope you are all enjoying your summer and I look forward to keeping you informed as to what is happening in Troy. Until next month, be kind to one another and God bless you all.