

I would first of like to the thank the voters/citizens for Troy for letting me serve a second term as their Mayor. It is an honor and a privilege and I do not take it lightly. There are still many things that I would like to accomplish and I look forward to the next four years. I would also like to congratulate Aldermen Janet Bass, Ward I; Margaret Eversmeyer, Ward II; Ron Walters, Ward III on their election as well.

For those of you that haven't seen or are not aware, we had to take down the pavilion that was attached to the kitchen in Fairgrounds Park. The roof had sustained some damage and the cost of repairs was prohibitive. So in light of the fact that we hope to be able to replace the entire structure the decision was made to tear it down.

In the Public Works Dept. we have been working on repairing the sewage system to reduce the amount of storm water that get into the sanitary sewer system. Treating this water puts an undo strain on the treatment plants that has in the past cause the City to have violations that we must report to the Department of Natural Resources. Citizens can help with this problem by reporting broken pipes, missing drain caps etc. to the city shed at 528-4646. It is also against city ordinance to have your downspouts and sump pumps draining into the sanitary sewer. If you need advice on how to handle storm water runoff on your property please call either Public Works or the Building Dept. and they might be able to make some suggestions.

Sales tax receipts for the month of April came in 2.06% less than deposits for April of 2013. The transportation tax was 3.10% lower and the ½% Capital Improvement Tax was 1.63% lower than last April. Our sales tax receipts for Fiscal Year 2014 are still up by 1.77% as compared to the 2013 Fiscal Year.

In the Building Dept. we had four new housing starts in the month of April which brings our total for the year to date to twenty four. We budgeted for thirty for the year so we are on track to reach that goal but we are nowhere near where we were during the building boom days before the recession. In those days we would do between 150-200 new housing starts in a year's time.

The City has secured all of the necessary easements that are required for the Cherry Blossom Way replacement project. We will be submitting the final plans to the U.S. Department of Economic Development for approval. The utility companies will be on the job site soon to begin relocating power and phone lines. Once that is done and we have heard from USEDA we should be able to get started with a projected timeline of 290 working days for completion.

Midwest Pool Management has begun to get the aquatic center ready for the upcoming season. Pool passes are available for sale at city hall and beginning May 14th there will be some extended hours to make it easier for you to get your pass. On Wednesday evenings from 4-6pm and Saturdays from 11:30am-1:30pm. So let's get ready for another summer of cool swimming.

I would like to congratulate Brian Sinclair for his appointment to the Board of Adjustment. Brian is a former Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, and currently is in private practice here in Troy. He is also President of the Troy Historical Society and sits on the board for the Troy Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Finally, as the weather continues to improve there will be more outside activity taking place whether that is street repairs or kids playing outside. Please watch out for other people so we can minimize any

accidents. Let's treat each other the way we would like to be treated and enjoy all of the summer activities.

That's it for this month. God bless you all and I will talk to you next month.