

Mark Cross... the Mayor's Desk in Troy

The DART Team held its first annual countywide Mud Volleyball Tournament on May 23, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. The success of this event relied heavily on the support of local businesses. There were 200 participants and 300-400 spectators.

Now that summer is here the Police Department will be enforcing the City's tall grass ordinance. Violators will receive a notice to cut the grass within 10 days if they fail to comply they will be issued a summons.

The street department placed 15 tons of asphalt in potholes last month but the problem is that as long as it keeps raining, the patches will continue to wash out and we will not be able to do more permanent repairs. Please bear with us until the weather cooperates.

Speaking of streets, we awarded M & H Concrete the contract to replace Bluffview Drive from the new entrance to Bluff Drive. We expect work to begin in the next few weeks and I'm happy this long-awaited project is about to begin. The street will not close entirely.

In the building department, we have approved permits for 40 new housing starts in the current fiscal year, which is almost 25 percent ahead of what was projected with a month to go in the fiscal year. According to the many conversations I have had with people in the housing industry, there is great hope that things are beginning to turn around. That is good for our economy and for the people who have been unemployed for a while. The ripple effect of a good housing market is huge so we will continue to pray that this current trend continues.

Sales tax revenues for the month were down about 15 percent versus a year ago as were transportation tax revenues. With one month to go in this fiscal year, we are up about 1/2 percent over last year. Being ahead, even by a small percentage, is always better than being down.

The Board of Aldermen are working on the new budget for next year and using revenue numbers that would indicate no increase. I feel the economic turnaround is still fragile and there is no point in planning on spending monies that we may not have to spend. There is enough work to be done on streets, sewers etc. and if we show an increase in revenue, we will be able to spend it. But being conservative is always best.

The swimming pool opened Memorial Day weekend and had to close several times due to inclement weather. I am sure that it won't be long before it will be sunny and hot every day and everyone will enjoy cooling off in the pool. If you haven't already purchased your season pass, it is not too late. Come to City Hall and Becky will be happy to take care of you.

The City has entered into a new five-year contract with Christian Disposal. As with all of the bids, there will only be one trash pickup per week. Citizens can pay an additional \$3 per month for an extra 95-gallon toter. In addition, everyone will receive at no extra charge a 65-gallon recycle bin picked up the same day as your trash. All trash customers should have received a letter from Christian explaining the new collection services. If you have any questions, please call City Hall.

The renewal for the health insurance coverage for city employees came in and we were happy to see that there was only

a 3 percent increase in premiums. We had heard from several cities and companies that under the new Affordable Health Care Act, their rates had jumped as much as 20 percent. We may see increases next year but, in the mean time, we will enjoy what we have.



Mayor of Troy Mark Cross

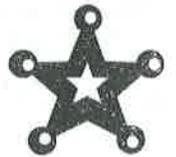
I am happy to announce that Mr. Gary Cockrum, owner of The Mercantile Outlet, has been approved to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission and Mrs. Patti Lafoon, a retired educator from the R-III School District, was approved to serve on the Park Board. I want to thank them for volunteering their service. We still have an opening on the Park Board for a resident of Troy who would be interested. Just go to the city website, cityoftroymissouri.com, and fill out the application.

Finally, the Board of Aldermen approved renewing the contracts for Jesse A. Granneman as city attorney and Cynthia M. Davenport as the city prosecuting attorney.

As I sit here the sky is darkening again for a thunderstorm. I hope that the rain slows down sometime soon but in the meantime be safe out there and God bless you all.

Hawk Point Police Department Activity Log:

April 2013



911 hang up: 1	Suspicious person: 1
Abandoned motor vehicle: 1	Traffic complaint: 1
Assisted citizen: 6	Traffic patrol: 7
Assisted department agency: 3	Traffic warning: 12
Assisted other agency: 1	Total calls for service: 245
Assisted other agency - LCSD: 2	Total summons issued: 33
Business check: 76	
Civil stand by: 1	
Community patrol: 63	
Directed patrol: 26	
Forgery: 1	
Follow-up investigation: 1	
Funeral escort: 1	
Ordinance violation - Warning: 1	
Peace disturbance: 2	
Property damage: 1	
Public relation: 2	
Stealing of motor fuel - leave without pay: 2	
Summons traffic: 33	
	Previous months:
	January
	Total calls for service : 333
	Total summons issued : 71
	February
	Total calls for service : 274
	Total summons issued: 32
	March
	Total calls for service : 390
	Total summons issued : 50