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

Now that spring is here, at least officially, work is beginning again on the intersection of Cherry Street and Lincoln Drive. We are all looking forward to the completion of that intersection! There will be some inconveniences as the streets are prepped and the new asphalt is placed. Once it is done, I think we will all be pleased with the results.

On March 28, we closed on the purchase of the property for the Troy aquatic center. We are holding a public meeting at City Hall on April 11th at 6:30 pm to get citizen input on design and the project in general. Come with your ideas and questions. We want to hear from you.

In February, Troy issued four building permits with a construction value of $446,900. That brings our total permits to 47.The goal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, is 50 permits, so we should easily meet our goal.

As we go forward, I am going to stop trying to predict the sales tax numbers and just report them. The latest report (numbers from January) shows that we were down 25 percent for the month versus the same month last year. That leaves us down 5 percent for the year-to-date. Keep in mind, The Troy City budget is done on our fiscal year (July 1 to June 30,) not the calendar year (January 1 to December 31).

Mayor of Troy Mark Cross

And one final note, the city picked up eight dogs-at-large in February. We were able to return four to their owners, two were taken by adoption agencies, one we still have and unfortunately we had to euthanize one because we were unable to locate the owners. While we try to work with dog adoption agencies to prevent euthanizing pets, we need pet owners to get city dog tags for their dogs. If your dog has a city dog tag, he will be returned to you. The tags are only $1.00 and your pet is priceless.

Hawk Point news bits:

Beware the Ides of March

On March 15, the Hawk Point Sinclair station closed amidst a fair amount of rumor regarding the company that owned the station and National Propane on the adjoining lot.

Mike Doyle, president of National Petroleum Products in Wentzville, did not respond to inquires. However, Bobby Moritz, vice-president of the company, did confirm that National Petroleum Products is the parent company of National Propane and R & N Moritz, Inc.

He also confirmed that Hawk Point was the plant site of National Propane and that National Propane would remain open. Currently, National Propane serves clients from Kansas to Indiana and from Missouri's Iowa to Arkansas border. Six gas stations, located in Troy, Hawk Point, St. Peters, O'Fallon, Wentzville and Lake Saint Louis are owned by R & N Moritz, Inc. and have been affected by this "situation."

Currently five of the six gas stations have closed. Moritz confirmed that purchase contracts were pending for some of the gas stations. None had been accepted. No contracts were pending on the Hawk Point location at press time. The Hawk Point station is for sale.

He explained that the company is privately held. His grandfather started the company in 1930 in Wentzville. His uncle ran the day-to-day operations until his death in December. Moritz was unsure "how long this would go on" and confirmed that his uncle's death "had something to do with" the multi-store closings.

In an informal survey, Hawk Point residents bemoaned the closing of yet another fixture in their daily life. Hawk Point Sinclair was a gathering place.

Hawk Point Police Activity Log for February 2011

911:2
Assisted Other Agency: 1
Burglary: 1
Business Check: 201
Directed Patrol: 50
Domestic: 1
Extra Patrol: 1
Follow Up Report 1
Incident Report: 1
Juvenile Issues: 3
Peace Disturbance: 1
Pedestrian Check: 1

Residential Extra Patrol: 16
Summons Drug Possession: 2
Summons Traffic: 27
Warning Ordinance: 1
Warning Traffic: 22
Traffic Control: 2
Traffic Patrol: 1
Total calls for service: 344
Total summons issued: 29

Calls for service (Jan): 297
Summons issued (Jan): 37