

The Police department would like to welcome back Detective Tony Stewart to the Detective Unit. For the past several years Detective Stewart has been on a special assignment attached to the Cyber Crimes Unit in St. Charles County. We are glad to have him back.

In Public Works, now that the weather has changed we are moving forward with street repairs. During the last month the department put down 26 tons of asphalt and 64 cubic yards of concrete. In addition there has been surface repairs to Boone, Cap au Gris, N. Lincoln Dr. and Old Moscow Mills Rd. There will be more street work coming so please be careful as you approach these construction zones.

In the Water/Sewer Department, we pumped 35,089,000 gallons of water during June. That was down from 48,405,000 gallons last year during the drought. The crew is training on the new leak detector that the city acquired. In the past we have on Missouri Rural Water Assoc. to come and check for suspected leaks. This will allow us to find and repair the leaks faster thereby saving water. On June 27th 2013 the Board of Alderman voted to increase sewer rates for all customers by \$2.05 on 5000 gallons and they eliminated the winter averaging. This means that during the entire year all customers will be charged for their actual usage. Water rates for residential customers did not change but the discounted rate for bulk users was eliminated and the base rate charged will be based on the size of the water meter. Residential customers will see no change to their bill for water but larger users like business will see an increase.

The first sales tax payment for the new fiscal year came in down 1/3 of 1% vs. last year. That equates to a difference of \$726.46 on the 1 cent sales tax. The 1/2% transportation tax was down .88% or \$837.29 and the Capital Improvement Tax was down .10% or \$97.42 vs. the same period a year ago. That totals to just over \$1660.00 down out of \$383,769.87 collected.

The City is working with other county agencies to come up with a notification system that can be used to inform citizens in case of an emergency, natural disaster etc. It could even be used to let people know of public hearings and other general information that would be of interest to the citizenry. City hall will keep you up to date as things progress.

It is my pleasure again this month to announce a new member to the Park Board. Ms. Heather Waggoner volunteered and was approved by the Board of Alderman to serve on that board. Her first meeting will be the second Monday in August. I would like to thank her for volunteering and look forward to her input on that board.

The City entered into an agreement with Cochran Engineering to be the engineer on the Cherry Blossom Way project. The City looks forward to working with Cochran, Boonslick Regional Planning Commission, Missouri Department of Economic Development, the Missouri Community Development Block Grant and Bodine Aluminum.

That's it for this month. Enjoy your summer, cool off in the pool be safe out there and God bless you all.