

The Salvation Army raised \$65,272.00 vs. their goal of \$50,000.00. They had over 900 volunteers that rang the bell. It was a very successful campaign the Salvation Army in Lincoln County want to that everyone that donated time and treasure. Eighty five cents of every dollar donated stays in Lincoln County. The other fifteen cents is used to maintain the Salvation Army canteens. Those are the vehicles that come to the major disasters to supply meals. If we were to need a canteen they would be sent at no charge to the local units.

In the last couple of weeks there has been three armed robberies in Troy. Kentucky Fried Chicken and Radio Shack were robbed on January 9<sup>th</sup>, within minutes of each other and by the same individual. In both cases the businesses delayed in calling the police causing the loss of valuable time. At this time there are no leads in this case so if you have any information regarding these incidents please call the Police Dept. at 528-0000. If you are a victim of a crime please make sure to call the police as soon as possible. The third robbery took place at Retroactive. Unlike the first two where no money was taken, the robber got away with cash and merchandise. The police are asking for any information that the public may have in this crime as well.

Due to the mild weather the city did not have to put any salt on the streets. This saves money in two ways. One, we will not have to buy as much salt and two, since the salt is hard on the streets we will not have as much to repair when spring comes.

Sales tax deposits in January which were collected in November were down about 5% compared to last year. That means that after seven months of the 2011-2012 FY we are even with last year's collections. The total dollars collected to date are \$1,218,882.39.

We have had a problem with some folks drinking during little league baseball games. For some reason some parents find it necessary to get belligerent with coaches, umpires and other parents and it spoils the experience for everyone. There is a city ordinance, 600.070 paragraph H, prohibiting drinking in public places. So If you are caught you will get a ticket.

Finally, the aquatic center is coming along very nicely, probably ahead of schedule because of the mild winter to date. At this time I don't see any reason why we can't reach our goal of opening on Memorial Day weekend. Anyone that want to apply for a job should go to the city website and follow the link to Midwest Pool Management to apply on line.

Have a great day and I will talk to you next month.