

The Troy Police Department along with the Lincoln County R-III Scholl District has instituted a program whereby whenever a school within the city limits is placed on lock down, an automatic robo call will be made to all daycares notifying them of the situation. That way if they are near that particular school they can take appropriate action.

Sales tax deposits for January of 2013 were down by approximately 7.5% as compared to January of 2012. The local 1% sales tax was 7.23% less and the 1/2% transportation tax was 7.64% less. Sales tax receipts for fiscal Year 2013 are still up 3% as compared to FY 2012. We have made 21 of the 30 sewer connections budgeted. So we have reached 70% of our goal in 58% of the year. I am hoping that means we are starting to see an upturn in the local housing market and that would be good for Troy.

The deadline for candidate filing for the April 2013 election has passed and we have two contested races. In Ward 2 Alderman Lisa Anderson will be challenged by Mr. Lance Oerter. In Ward 3 the unexpired term for one year, Alderman Todd Walker will be challenged by Mr. Ron Walters. Alderman Ron Sconce in Ward 1 and Alderman Dennis Detert in Ward 3 are running unopposed.

The City is getting ready to go out for bid on trash service. While we have received excellent service from Christian Disposal the Board of Alderman felt it was time to test the market.

The City has contracted with HR Green Engineering to develop a documented storm water management program plan addressing the MS4 requirements as required by the MoDNR for cities with a population over 10,000.

Finally the City has awarded the bid to replace the sidewalk along Monroe St. from Main St. to Fairgrounds Park to Henry Concrete LLC. The project will start as soon as the weather is good enough to pour concrete.

That is it for this month. So far the winter has been mild but we sure could use some moisture so let's hope we get rain enough to break the drought. Be safe and God bless all of you.