

The new aquatic center opened on May 26th and the response was tremendous. Everyone seemed to be pleased with what they saw and while there were a few glitches for the most part everything went off okay. After the usual speeches, I was lucky enough to be the first person down the slide and let me tell you it was quite refreshing after standing out in the heat for a few hours. I hope everyone has a chance to come out and see and enjoy the facility. One thing I would like to say is that the Police Department will have zero tolerance for anyone caught sneaking into the pool or not following the rules.

In the way of a reminder, MoDOT has put up stop signs in all directions at the intersection of Boone St. and Hwy J. Please be careful in that area until everyone is used to the new traffic controls. I think that the improvements will make the traffic flow through there much better.

Whitetail Crossing subdivision is the latest neighborhood to establish a neighborhood watch program. The residents worked with the Troy Police Dept. in an effort to make the area safer.

The fire hydrant testing is complete. The tests showed that three hydrants needed to be replaced and four water main breaks were also repaired.

Sales tax deposits were up for the month of May. To date the city is ahead 4.66% on the 1% sales tax and 4.68% on the ½ % transportation tax. This is a very good sign and I hope that it continues in the future.

The Building Department issued nine building permits for the month of April with a total construction value of \$2,426,500. This brings the total for the year to 56 permits and \$11,548,960.00 in construction value.

The Historic Preservation Commission selected Landmarks Association to conduct the next phase of the survey that will ultimately put downtown Troy on the list of National Historic Places. Having done work for the city earlier in this process, Landmark is familiar with the City of Troy's resources and historic district which will make the survey go much more smoothly.

The Board of Alderman will begin preparing the City's budget through a series of workshops, the first of which will be held on May 30th. Check the city's website for future workshops to see how the process is proceeding. The budget must be adopted prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year which starts July 1, 2012.

That is all I have for this month. Please come and enjoy the new aquatic center, with the summer getting into full swing it will be hot and I can't think of a better way to cool off. Be safe and I will talk to you next month.