

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

**M**other Nature continues to remind us of her ability to disrupt our day-to-day activities. Given our weather during the last week, the Public Works Department has done an excellent job, using over 300 tons of salt in removing the snow and 2500 gallons of salt brine to prep the streets. They could do an even better job if everyone would move their vehicles off of the street, giving the plows more room to work. It appears that the inclement weather is not over so your cooperation would be appreciated.

And for those of you who shovel snow off your driveway, here's a tip: be sure to shovel the snow to the side that is past the driveway, from the plow's perspective. That way, there will be less snow to block the driveway when the plow comes by again.

Sales tax deposits for February 2013 were up by 2.5 percent as compared to February 2012. The 1 percent local sales tax was up 2.45 percent and the ½ percent transportation tax was 2.57 percent more than February 2012. Sales tax receipts for fiscal year 2013 are up approximately 3 percent versus last year. For the first three quarters of fiscal year 2013, we have collected \$1.418 million dollars in sales tax compared to \$1.377 million in the same time last year.



Here's a plug for the 5K Chicken Run, benefitting the Calvary Orphan Outreach, on Saturday, March 30. The race begins at 8 a.m. at the Academy Too Daycare on Main Street and winds through Troy and ends back at Academy Too. The entry fee of \$25 includes a free t-shirt. To pre-register, contact Kim Silverberg at 314-265-4554.

I want to mention that we have an opening on the City's Park Board and I invite anyone interested in serving on the board to go to the city's website and submit an application. Also, thank you to Judy Hechler who recently stepped down from the City's Park Board after many years of dedicated service.

### Hawk Point News Briefs

**J**ulie Rogers, Hawk Point city clerk, said the city has five announcements:

1. The city hired a new full-time employee in the public works department. Resident Neal Davis, started Jan 22. Johnnie will go to part-time on March 1.
2. Hawk Point will be switching over to a radio-read meter system, which takes less time to read and gives more accurate readings. It can detect leaks and other issues more quickly.
3. The Police Department has purchased a new car.
4. The construction of a new city well and water tower should go out for bid in the next month or two.
5. Hawk Point has three candidates who have filed for two Aldermen positions for the April 2 election: Bryan Margedant, Mutemah Sinclair and Jenni Crigger.



The Public Works Department purchased a 6,000 gallon tanker truck, a 1990 Oshkosh with less than 10,000 miles, to haul sludge from the sewer plants for field application. The city was paying between \$30,000 and \$80,000 per year for this service. With the new truck, we will be able to put most of that money to work for other needs at the sewer plants. The truck was purchased for \$7,000.



Mayor of Troy Mark Cross

Here is something to make you feel warmer. Swimming lesson registration opens April 1, along with pool rentals, which will be handled by Midwest Pool Management. The city will also begin selling pool passes on April 1. You can find a link to their website on the City's website. Some evening and Saturday hours will be added. Once the schedule is finalized, we'll communicate it.

Take it easy out there in the snow. Watch out for the "other" guy. Be safe and God bless all of you.

### Mr. Bill's Thrills holds final performance

**M**r. Bill (William) Lash has announced the final performance at Mr. Bill's Thrills Haunt on Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9 at the his haunted venue at 1426 West Highway U outside of Troy. Both nights will run from 7 pm to midnight.

Spring Thrill admission is \$20 per person. Speed passes for \$30 will put you at the front of the line for this limited engagement. Because it is the final performance, ticket buyers will be given a bid sheet which will allow them to bid on items throughout the venue. There will be a silent auction at the entrance. I'm going to take the highest reasonable bids," said Lash. "Everything is for sale."

Lash said he was sad to close after this final performance but explained that he had four grandkids and he wanted to be around to spend time with them. "I have had some health issues and with my arthritis, it's a lot of physical labor and stress that I don't need."

"We have had so many variables from year to year that affect our success: weather, conflicting school activities, cardinal baseball playing late in the season," said Lash. "It's a lot of work and it's been a lot of fun. We have donated nearly \$20,000 to local charities and youth organizations from the proceeds. We also have donated thousands of canned goods. We think we have helped a lot of people in Lincoln County."

*This month there is no Hawk Point Police report because of deadlines.*

**Hawk Point Police Report  
for January**

