

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

Mother Nature lived up to her reputation with her April showers. I think we have had our share. We can count our blessings that the extremely dangerous weather has passed us. Keep in mind, Troy has tornado sirens to alert our area in the case of a tornado. I urge you not to depend solely on tomado sirens, and pay attention to weather reports on the radio and local news stations.

Let's count our blessings and keep the folks that have been affected in your thoughts and prayers. Of course, the rain and lightning storms have slowed down some of our projects – and for the last time, I'll mention our Lincoln Dr. and Cherry St. corner. This should be finished, with lights working, by Friday, May 6.

We recently had a public meeting for the aquatic center, which went well and was attended by about 40 participants with lots of suggestions and questions. Everyone at the meeting was excited and in favor of the project. It was very encouraging. Most of the people who talk to me about it say it has been a long time coming. If you live in the City of Troy, be sure to get out and vote on June 7, so we can make this state-of-the-art aquatic center a reality for Troy. (See related article on page X.)

Regarding our sales tax deposit for April, we are 20 percent

ahead of April 2010. That puts us down only 3 percent for the fiscal year. This is actually very good news.

In March the city issued nine building permits with a total construction value of \$733,800. We are at 56 permits for this fiscal year, and with a goal of 50, we are very pleased with the indication that things are getting better.

Three Troy City employees, Clint Cunningham, Darryl Day and Danny Pralle, passed the Class III Distribution Treatment Operator's examination. They have their DSIII certification, which is a requirement to work on the City's type of water distribution system.

Enjoy May!



Mayor of Troy Mark Cross

Hawk Point Police Log for March & April

| Month | March | April |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
| 911 Hang up | 0 | 2 |
| Alarm | 1 | 0 |
| Animal Complaint | 1 | 0 |
| Arrests | 0 | 1 |
| Assault | 1 | 0 |
| Assisted Citizen | 6 | 3 |
| Assisted Motorist | 1 | 0 |
| Assisted with investigation | 1 | 0 |
| Assisted other agency | 2 | 5 |
| Buisness check | 199 | 167 |
| Direct patrol | 33 | 45 |
| Domestic | 1 | 0 |
| Drug possession | 1 | 0 |
| DWI | 1 | 0 |
| Follow up report | 2 | 3 |
| Fraud | 1 | 0 |
| Juvenile issues | 1 | 1 |
| Parental kidnapping | 1 | 0 |
| Pedestrian check: | 1 | 0 |
| Property damage | 1 | 0 |
| Public relations | 1 | 0 |
| Residential extra patrol | 10 | 1 |
| Stealing > \$1,000 | 1 | 0 |
| Summons traffic | 45 | 56 |
| Suspicious vehicle | 1 | 1 |
| Traffic patrol | 2 | 4 |
| Warning Traffic | 15 | 8 |
| Warrant Arrest | 2 | 1 |



Total calls: Jan: 297, Feb: 344, March: 332 April 306
Total summons issued: Jan: 37, Feb: 29, March: 45, April: 56



The sign says "Closed moving to Hawk Point" at the ZX station in Troy, but when a Thoele company official was asked about the station in Troy closing and the station in Hawk Point rumored to be re-opening, they said the two were not related. More as this story develops.

On the road again...

Slow down for farm vehicles, planters and tractors driving off and on the road during planting season. Be especially careful at dusk, when it's hard to see these vehicles on curvy blacktop roads. Know hand signals - don't assume an outstretched hand means to pass. The driver might be signaling to turn or stop.



Watch out for turtles trying to get to the other side of the road in the next few weeks. Please, whenever possible, pick them up and help them on their way. Always put them to the side where they are headed as they are crossing as part of annual breeding migration. They are not equipped with motor vehicle avoidance systems and therefore, it is up to humans to avoid hurting them. And finally, let the box turtles stay wild. They eat a balanced diet in the wild and do well on their own with bugs and vegetables to eat. Most captive box turtles are malnourished because humans don't feed them the correct diet.

