

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

Happy November; and Christmas is just around the corner. We'll start with news that Ward III Alderman Gerard Hagedorn resigned his position effective October 1. He said family and work issues led him to his decision. We wish Gerard and his family the best. On October 15, the Board of Aldermen approved my appointment of Todd Walker as the new Ward III Alderman. Todd will serve until April 2013. At that point, the person winning in the next city election will serve the one-year remainder of Gerard's term. I was pleased that there were six people who applied for the job and hope they will consider running for the job in April.

The Troy Police Department received a letter of thanks from the St. Louis Major Case Squad. Detective Roger Mauzy assisted in the investigation of a suspicious death in Warren County. Five officers from the Troy PD have been accepted into the Lincoln County Regional SWAT Team, with Sgt. Tienter from our department being named the commander.

In Public Works, we are finishing the 2012 Street Program. Recently completed streets include: Mulberry and Hawthorne Courts in the Trojan Lake subdivision and Cedar Bluff, Evergreen and Bluff View Courts in the Bluff View subdivision. We plan to start on Bluff View Drive in late May of 2013. Even though Bluff View Drive was in worse condition than the courts, we did the courts first so that the heavy trucks would not be driving over the new street and causing damage, which is what happened when the streets were originally built.

Ryan Peasel in Public Works received his Class C wastewater license and was promoted to wastewater superintendent. Ryan will be in charge of both wastewater plants and supervise two other team members. This is a great opportunity for Ryan, who has worked hard to get to this position in just over a year. Congratulations also to Mike Kuznecoff for receiving his Class D

wastewater license. In addition, the Board of Aldermen approved the hiring of Darrin Seeger as a maintenance worker. Welcome, Darrin, to the team!

The Building Department issued three new housing permits this month with a construction value of \$380,000.

Sales tax deposits for October of 2012 were down about 3.5 percent versus last October. The year-to-date revenues are \$727,379.63, down 1.33 percent. The Transportation Gas Tax for the year totals \$350,585.95, down 1.65 percent.

In the Administrative Department, the Board of Aldermen hired Jodi Schneider as the new Troy City Clerk effective immediately. We had several quality candidates for the position, but with Jodi's education, training and tenure with the City of Troy, she was the board's choice. I'm confident Jodi will do a great job and I am looking forward to working with her.

Parks Superintendent Scott Muckerman will be purchasing red oak trees to replace the trees blighted by the drought this summer with the \$500 grant from Central Electric Cooperative in Jefferson City and a \$500 grant from Cuivre River Electric.

The City held a Public Hearing on October 15th when the Board of Aldermen approved the application of a \$500,000 CDBG grant to go towards the City's portion of repairing Cherry Blossom Way. That grant along with the \$756,000 grant the City secured last month and \$257,000 of City street funds will provide the funding to make the repairs to Cherry Blossom Way between Main Street and Third Street

That's it for now. Be safe out there and God bless you all.



Mayor of Troy Mark Cross

Topinke named Hawk Point Postmaster

Charles (Rudy) Topinke was installed as the new postmaster for the Hawk Point Post Office in October. He started working for the USPS in 1987 in Louisiana, Missouri. During his ten years there, he also covered Farber and Clarksville when needed. Prior to being the postmaster in Hawk Point, Topinke served as postmaster in Bellflower for more than 14 years.



Rudy Topinke. Photo provided by Brenda Bryant



September Hawk Point Police Report

Alarm: 1
Assisted other agency: 3
Burglary: 1
Business check: 97
Community patrol: 13
Directed patrol: 66
Follow up: 4
Juvenile circumstance: 1
Open gate: 1
Peace disturbance: 2
Peace disturbance arrest: 1
Public relation: 1
Stealing: 3
Stealing of motor fuel: 2
Summons traffic: 40
Suspicious circumstance: 2
Trespassing: 1
Traffic complaint: 1
Traffic warning: 19
Violation of court order - exparte: 1

September calls for service: 259
Total summons issued: 40

For comparison:
August calls for service: 234
Total summons issued: 34
July calls for service: 432
Total summons issued: 66
June calls for service: 364
Total summons issued: 52
May calls for service: 275
May summons issued: 43

