

The new Nixle notification system has gone active. The system is designed to notify citizens when there is an emergency like a tornado or other life threatening event. This notice will come via your telephone through the 911 system. You will also get community messages which will come to you by email. You sign up for text messages by texting to 888777. The easiest way to sign up is by going to www.nixle.com. Some of the types of messages that you will receive are; missing persons, burglaries in your area, road closures, public health emergencies and hazardous materials spills. All of these advisories will be local. The Police Department has already used the system to locate a missing person. Within 15-20 minutes of the alert going out the person was located.

The City recently received the preliminary plans for the Cherry Blossom Way project and is in the process of reviewing them. Once our street expert, Brad Shaw, finishes looking at them and making any necessary changes the engineering firm will produce the plans. Once that takes place, sometime in early 2014, we will be ready to go out for bid. This project is moving along smoothly and we appreciate the work of Cochran Engineering.

Along those same lines MoDOT has awarded the bid for the pedestrian bridge design to H.R. Green Inc. and I am hopeful that we will that project completed before the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.

The Street Dept. is out striping, repairing pot holes and sealing cracks in preparation for winter snows and cold weather. Please watch for the crews and slow down as you go by them.

The open burning of yard waste is allowed from October First(1st) through March Thirty-First(31st), so long as it is burned on the premises from which the yard waste originated. Burning of yard waste may not occur on the City right-of-way and the person burning such waste shall be responsible for the safe burning of such waste. Yard waste includes leaves, branches and grass clippings. Open burning of construction waste is allowed if an appropriate permit from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is obtained and presented to the building department of the City of Troy or if the activity is exempt from State regulations. Please be careful when burning and consider your fellow citizens.

The City has received approval from MoDNR to begin construction of a new well, #13. This well will be dug south of town along Elm Tree Rd. as recommended by our recently completed Long Range Water System Plan. Since most of the growth for the City has occurred in that direction that was the logical location. Water from this well will enter the system through the line that runs along Elm Tree Rd. in front of the Baptist Church and will be blended with the water from all of the other wells.

Sales tax deposits for October of 2013 were up by nearly 2% as compared to October of 2012. The 1% Local Sales Tax was .75% higher, the ½% Transportation Tax was 5.62% higher and the Capital Improvement Tax was .58% higher than October of 2012. For Fiscal Year 2014 our total sales tax receipts are up nearly 2%.

That is all for this month. Remember to be safe out there and I will talk to you next month. God bless you all.