

I hope all is going well with everyone in Troy. Now that the weather has warmed up and the aquatic center is in full swing, it feels like summer is finally here. As a matter of fact, we had a record weekend at the aquatic center June 10-12, 2016. I know that there have been lines of people at City Hall waiting to get their pool passes. The ladies at the front window, Marie, Michele, and Bridget, have been working hard to process the passes as fast as they can and they appreciate your patience.

Speaking of the front window, we would like to welcome Michele Frye to the team. Michele started with the City on May 24<sup>th</sup> as the new utility clerk. Michele replaced Bridget Knudsen who was promoted to Deputy City Treasurer/Payroll Clerk. Congratulations to both of these ladies, we wish them both a long a happy career working for the citizens of Troy.

I would also like to congratulate Troy City Clerk Jodi Schneider on her appointment as the Treasurer of the Missouri City Clerks Association Eastern Division. I will have the privilege of participating in her installation ceremony at a special luncheon on June 16<sup>th</sup>. I know that Jodi has worked hard at her craft since becoming Troy City Clerk, and this is just another example of that dedication.

I have a request - I need volunteers to fill vacancies on several boards and committees. I have an open seat on the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Board of Adjustment, the Missouri Extension and two openings on the Park Board. These opportunities are available to any person that lives within the City limits of Troy, and some of them have a minimum age requirement. If you go to the city website, you will find an application to fill out and submit to me and I will be happy to recommend you to the Board of Aldermen for approval.

Recently, I, along with the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce Director Kerry Klump, attended the International Shopping Center Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. Our efforts were to meet with developers and specific businesses to tell the story of why they should come to Troy. We had several very productive meetings with two developers and several specific businesses that showed a strong interest in locating here. We will continue to follow up with those contacts and a few others, and as soon as there is something concrete to pass on, I will be sure to share that information with you.

Speaking of new businesses, many of you have heard that there is a new Arby's Restaurant coming to town and it will be built along side of the old Ponderosa building. They tell us that they hope to be open for business sometime in August so stay tuned. Also, there will be a new Fastlane filling station, C-store and carwash constructed on the sight of the former cement factory on S. Lincoln Dr. between the Lucky Puppy dog groomer and F&S Collision Repair. They should be starting construction in the not too distant future.

The Troy Police Department received a letter from Jamie Barton, who is a community health liaison with Crider Health Center. She informed me on April 18, 2016, a co-worker, Megan, was called to Main St. in Troy with an agitated client with mental health issues, was not medicated, and was making homicidal statements towards neighbors and the landlord. Megan called the Troy Police Department and requested a CIT Officer, and she had nothing but praise for our officers, in particular Major Raymond Floyd, who spoke to the woman, calmed her down and got an emergency psychiatric appointment that day. We have approximately half of the Department CIT trained currently and hopefully by the end of the year the entire Department will be trained.

I want to give a pat on the back to Officer Volland who on May 25, 2016 was nominated for the John J. McAtee Award by the Mental Health America of Eastern Missouri. This award is given each year to

Police Officers who demonstrate compassion, patience and understanding when dealing with dealing with persons in a psychiatric crisis. Jamie Barton, Community Mental Health liaison from the Crider Health Center, made the nomination. Officer Wayne Mueller of the Troy P.D. was nominated. Officer Mueller works part time as a CIT officer for the City of Hawk Point.

On May 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:17pm an armed robbery took place at the Little Caesars Pizza. A manager on the scene made a 911 call and gave an excellent description of the suspect as he exited the lot and headed south on Hwy 61. The perpetrator was apprehended on Hwy 61, just north of Hwy C. A felony stop was performed and the suspect was taken into custody without incident. His hoodie, mask, and money were all recovered. The only weapon recovered was a knife on his person. During questioning by the Troy P.D., the subject confessed and was charged with a full disclosure. He is in the county jail and charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree robbery and armed criminal action.

In the Building Department, for the month of May they have issued 6 permits for new housing starts and for the year there have been 49 permits issued. We have been reviewing our MS4 permit application to make sure that it is up to date because it appears that our MS4 permit will be forthcoming shortly.

Sales tax deposits for May of 2016 were 13.46% higher than deposits for May of 2015. The local Sales Tax was 13.49% higher, the transportation tax was 13.31% higher and the ½% Capital Improvement's Tax was 13.53% higher than May of 2013. For the year our sales tax receipts are up 6.7% vs. the FY 2015.

In the Parks Department, youth baseball/softball, youth football, and adult football are fully up and running. Maintenance crews are working hard making sure to have the playing fields in good shape for everyone. Two summer sports camps have been booked for this year - Challenger Soccer camp in July and Shafer's Baseball Camp in June. Ryan Howell is trying to set up another soccer camp for June. The week of the 20<sup>th</sup> of June, you should see new asphalt on the parking lot and trail at Weinand Park and asphalt repairs to the trail at Avery Park.

In the Administrative Department, they are busy with renewals on business and liquor licenses, as well as training new employees. Several Administration staff attended mandatory retirement plan trustee training hosted by Retirement Plan Advisors. This class will complete the required six-hour annual training requirement. The information learned will be used to provide basic financial training to employees.

We have received the preliminary design plans for the E. Cherry St. project. After the City people have a chance to go over them we will invite the public to come and view them, especially the folks along E. Cherry St. We want your input on this so plan on attending June 28, 2016 from 5:30PM – 7:30PM. I think you are going to like what you see.

Finally, we may be reaching the end of the line for the recycle dumpsters in the parking lot at city hall. Most of the people that use them are from the county because the city offers curbside pickup for recycling within the city limits. I don't want to do this, but people are stacking bags and boxes all around the dumpsters when they are full. The trash truck driver has a rule that he or she cannot get out of their truck, so whatever is sitting on the ground is picked up by city employees or blows all over the parking lot or worse, into the park. These dumpsters are for recyclables only, NO TRASH. Please be considerate when dropping off and if there is not room, instead of leaving it on the ground, take it back home and

try again after the dumpsters have been emptied. It's a bit of hassle I know but in the long run we will all be better off.

That's it for this month. Dads enjoy your day on June 19<sup>th</sup> and soak in all of the love you can, because it has to last you a while. If you are traveling on vacation, we will miss you so be careful and come back in one piece. Be kind to each other and God bless you all.