

# CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Mari E. Macomber, City Manager <sup>MSM</sup>  
**SESSION DATE:** May 18, 2009  
**TIME:** 5:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Second Floor Conference Room

We will be in the Second Floor Conference Room on Monday for the Study Session and will need to adjourn by 5:50 p.m.

## **AGENDA:**

- **Storm Update**
- **Summer Programs and Community Services Update**
- **Newsletter Review – May 15, 2009**

## **STORM UPDATE**

We will be taking time on Monday at the Study Session to update you on the community-wide damage and summarize the work that still needs to be done. The biggest issue facing us right now will be debris removal. We will have a map showing the structure damage.

Federal Emergency Management Agency and State Emergency Management Agency officials were in town today to assess the damage to private property. They will be here again on Monday to determine public infrastructure damage.

I am very proud to say that I am part of a group of people dedicated to helping the residents of our community. We had police, fire, E911, public works and codes department employees, and managers of finance, community services, human resources, police, fire and public works out the evening of the storm. There were also individuals representing local organizations and agencies – Truman DPS, Red Cross, Salvation Army, and GIS. Rehoboth Baptist Church provided shelter space. The State Highway Patrol and MoDOT were very helpful and supportive. We had great cooperation with County officials and emergency responders from outside the city limits as everyone worked together. The utility companies – AmerenUE, Tri-County Electric and Atmos – allocated the resources we needed to remove hazards and restore service.

The City Council will be asked to sign letters of appreciation for all of these individuals and organizations. Maybe when its all said and done, or we plan some special event during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event to say thank to everyone.

Recommended Action: No recommendation at this time.

### **SUMMER PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE**

Included in your packet is a staff report from Community Services Director. We take time before the summer starts to give you an update on programs, events, and projects that will be undertaken.

Some of the items that we will be discussing includes: the status of our park planning process (master plans and tree plans); identified aquatic center water line issues; and Council interests for future park projects and improvements.

Recommended Action: Think about priority projects that you would like to have explored and be ready to discuss at the Council meeting on Monday.

### **NEWSLETTER REVIEW – May 15, 2009**

#### Attachments

- Clean Up Press Release
- Staff Report Summer Programs
- LPRC Board Member Initiatives



**For Immediate Release**

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**For More Information**

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**DAMAGE UPDATE AND SAFTY INFORMATION**

(Kirksville, MO) --The City of Kirksville has evaluated the damage associated with the tornado that went through the Northern section of Kirksville. The initial reports of damage have been confirmed and at least 61 structures have received damage in Kirksville and 150 structures have received damaged in Adair County. The clean-up efforts have started in the immediate area of the damage.

**UTILITES UPDATE**

Initially, approximately 4,678 customers were without power due to this storm system. AmerenUE has confirmed that there are still approximately 2,350 customers that do not have power. They anticipate power will be restored to all customers in northern Kirksville and the Greentop/Queen City area by this evening. Service is expected to be returned to the remaining customers in the Novinger/Green City area by late Friday afternoon.

Tri-County Electric estimates they have approximately 1,500 customers currently without service. They expect to have service restored to all but 30 of those homes by Thursday evening.

### **TRASH AND DEBRIS CLEANUP**

Citizens with property impacted by this tornado are encouraged to contact their insurance provider prior to beginning any major clean-up efforts on damaged property. Once ready to start removing trash and debris, citizens are encouraged to sort it into the following groups:

- Loose and Blown Debris
- Household Debris or Trash
- Limbs and Brush

The City will arrange for collection of all debris that falls into these groups as long as it is separated and placed curbside. Pickup will occur after FEMA determines funding assistance. City crews cannot pick up: commercially generated hazardous waste; tires, batteries; motor oil or lubricants; demolition materials of any kind. Yard waste, branches and brush may also be taken to the City brush pile located next to the Humane Society on Hwy 6 West.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Individuals that are interested in volunteering to assist with the clean-up efforts or would like to donate other supplies for the clean-up are encouraged to contact the local office of the Red Cross at 660-665-5686.

### **GENERAL SAFETY INFORMATION**

All citizens are encouraged to stay away from the area of Highway 63/Baltimore from Highway 6 West to the northern city limits of Kirksville. There are lots of emergency personnel on-site in this area and traffic is very congested. Please use alternate routes for travel, when possible.

Citizens are reminded to put safety first while removing storm related debris. Injuries can result from unsafe use of power tools. Individuals working in these areas are also susceptible to diseases like tetanus.

Routine tetanus boosters are recommended every 10 years. For people who receive more serious wounds, a tetanus booster is appropriate if they have not received one within the last five years. Tetanus vaccine is available at the Adair County Health Department.

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## **KIRKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION ATTACHMENT**

**SUBJECT:** Summer Programs and Community Services Update

**STUDY SESSION MEETING DATE:** May 18, 2009

**CITY DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

**PREPARED BY:** Melanie Smith, Community Services Director

The summer season is rapidly approaching and the staff in the Community Services Department is working hard to ensure that everyone has a safe and fun filled season. The Summer Program Guide will be provided on Monday. This document includes information about all of our program offerings for summer 2009.

*North Park:* The North Park Complex is a busy place each year and 2009 is no exception. The Kirksville Baseball and Softball Association (KBSA) have 38 boys' teams and 26 girls' teams for a total of approximately 615 participants. Opening day was held on May 16 and games will run nightly through the first part of July. Adult Softball Registration has been completed and there are 44 teams registered to complete in the summer program. Games for this league start on May 19 and run through August 2.

*Textcaster:* The City has added TextCaster as an additional option for citizens to be notified by text message or email of pool closures, ball game cancellations and event announcements. This service will send cancellation information and announcements to your cell phone or email account as soon as they are available. We currently have 153 people signed up for the service and we have already noticed a reduction in phone call volume at the Aquatic Center on rainout days.

*Park Planning:* The City Council has reviewed and approved two master park plans, including one for Rotary Park and one for North Park. The LPRC will start to work on the next master park plan in the near future. The parks that still need a master plan are: P.C. Mills, Patryla, Brashear, Memorial, Jaycee and Roadside Park. The next step in the process for each park after a master plan is developed is to develop a tree plan for each park. This plan is based around the approved master plan to ensure that the tree locations and the varieties selected are compatible with the uses of each area. The city has received proposed tree plans for Rotary Park and North Park. These plans have been developed in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Conservation's Forestry Division. The Rotary Park committee will be working to complete the planting of approximately 50 trees in the fall. The North Park Tree Plan was presented to the LPRC on May 5 and is waiting for an implementation plan.

*Aquatic Center:* The new water heater for the indoor pool has been installed and is operating well. Staff is working to complete all preparations for the opening of the Outdoor Pool. During the process of filling the pool, it has been discovered that we may have a relatively significant leak located in the incline area between the deep end and the 5' area on the west side of the pool. Public Works has been working to identify the location of the leak and help us control the water loss associated with this leak. We anticipate that we will be able to open on time. However, we expect to see elevated chemical costs for the duration of the summer due to the additional water that is being added daily. We will reevaluate this situation at the end of the season to see if we can fix the leak before next summer.

The Lakes, Parks and Recreation Commission (LPRC) was given the task of identifying projects, programs and/or services that they would like to see explored or developed by the City. LPRC began presenting their member initiatives in February with 1-2 members sharing their suggestions each month. Below is a summary of the suggestions that the LPRC have brought forth to date:

Hazel Creek Lake –develop an off leash dog park and explore the use of prescribed burning for habitat maintenance.

Spur Pond—finish parking lot, sidewalk, fish cleaning station and dock. These items are on the Community Assistance Program (CAP) agreement that has been signed for Spur Pond. Bids were opened for the concrete paving and walkways at Spur Pond on May 12.

Tree City USA designation—The City of Kirksville has been a certified Tree City USA for 11 years. The request was made to increase the amount of time that the City and the LPRC dedicates to tree related issues in an effort to more fully comply with the requirements of the Tree City USA program. LPRC passed a motion to establish a sub-committee that would look at tree plans and other tree related business.

Senior Citizen Programming—provide additional programming for senior citizens and to act as the lead agency that would help coordinate efforts among all the organizations that offer assistance to seniors. A Senior Advisory Group has since been formed and held their first meeting on April 21. The next meeting will be in July.

Collaboration with Educational Institutions—more collaboration with Truman and ATSU for use of facilities and programming including intramurals. The City currently partners with ATSU to offer access to the Kirksville Aquatic Center to all students, faculty and staff at ATSU.

Comprehensive Planning—additional periodic review of comprehensive planning and needs for Recreation in Kirksville.

Youth Baseball and Softball—KBSA would like to see additional park improvements that include more batting cages and lighted fields.