

# **KIRKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

## ***NEWSLETTER . . .***

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March 4, 2011

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

3/7 – City Council Study Session  
3/7 – City Council Meeting  
3/8 – KREDI Meeting @ 4:00 pm  
3/14 – Stormwater Open House Meetings at TCRC from 5 – 7 pm  
3/17 – St. Patrick’s Day Parade  
3/22 – Council Radio Program @ 9:00 am  
3/ 22 - Stormwater Open House Meetings at TCRC from 5 – 7 pm  
3/22 – Candidate’s Forum – Shrine Club @ 6:30 pm  
3/21 – City Council Study Session  
3/21 – City Council Meeting  
3/28 – Meeting with ATSU President – City Hall @ 4:30 pm  
3/29 – Kirksville Day at the Capitol -  
3/30 – Council Tour of Wire Rope  
3/31 – ATSU Still Spirit Awards

### **WIRE ROPE TOUR**

The City Council is scheduled to tour the Wire Rope facilities on March 30 at 4:00 p.m. The City Council had requested, at your Planning Retreat, to meet with the industries and large employers in the community throughout the year. Letters to those

companies are going out this Monday, February 28, as notification that they will be contacted through the year to schedule a work session with the Manager/CEO. Originally, we planned to meet on the 14<sup>th</sup>. This date is a big celebration for the company. It's their fifth year of no lost work day safety.

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

The City still has a vacancy on the TIF Commission. Cherie Bryant is willing to serve on this Commission, if the Council would like to appoint her to fill the last vacancy. Also, there will be a vacancy on the University of Missouri Extension Board. Council Member Rowe currently serves on behalf of the City. The appointment will need to be made in April, which will coincide with the City Council reorganization in April.

## **WARNING SIREN**

The first new siren was placed at Rotary Park and this year's siren was placed at North Park Complex this past week, but is awaiting electrical connection. Next week is severe weather week and Missouri is doing annual state tornado drill on March 8, 2011 at 1:30 pm. The City Council is encouraged to drive out to Rotary Park to listen to the voice message system. If Missouri is experiencing bad weather on the 8<sup>th</sup> the annual test will move to Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. The first sound will be a tone followed by a voice message. Included with this Newsletter are pictures of the siren being installed at North Park Complex. Included with this Newsletter is a copy of a letter from the Emergency Management Agency about the state wide tornado drill along with helpful websites for weather information and tips for keeping yourself safe during severe weather. There are also pictures of the siren installation to give the Council a perspective on the size of the siren.

## **NEW SPENCER LANE**

Mr. John Murphy attended the February Council meeting and expressed concerns regarding the grading of the new Spencer Lane, a portion of which is inside the city limits, but will not be the responsibility of the City to maintain. MoDOT met with Mr. Murphy on site. MoDOT completed their evaluation and determined that the grading of this new roadway meets their standards. Preston Kramer has recommended the placement of reflective delineators along the curve areas of the roadway. According to an email from Mr. Kramer, "MoDOT designed the new Spencer Lane to have a 3:1 fill slope, an 8-foot flat bottom ditch, and 3:1 back slopes (where applicable). According to the Roadside Design Guide, a 3:1 slope is considered traversable, meaning that an errant vehicle can be expected to travel to the bottom of the slope without overturning.

At higher speeds, the errant vehicle can be expected to travel farther (perhaps across the ditch and back up the 3:1 back slope), but regardless, should do so without overturning. Anything steeper than a 3:1 slope is considered a critical slope and is likely to lead to overturning of an errant vehicle." MoDOT verified the slopes of the roadway, which meet do not exceed the 3:1 slope.

## **DAY CARE**

The City Council heard some discussion regarding child care services offered at the public school. I attended a meeting with local employers today. There were individuals

from the Community Action Agency and Department of Family Services that talked about the day care needs. They explained the daily cost of day care compared to the income made by the parents. The state support programs have not been adjusted to meet the increase in minimum wage or the increase in day care costs. It was noted that there are waiting lists for child care services for the 0 to 3 years of age. More discussion will follow on this topic. We did see a flyer from Mary Immaculate Catholic School who will be offering a pre-k program for 4 year olds. A copy of this flyer is included for your information.

## **MONUMENTS**

The tornado destroyed some of the entranceway into Lakeside Estates. Some of the residents, called the City to find out when we would be out to fix the structures. When the developers are given permission to build these structures, there is language that is included that states the maintenance of these are the responsibility of the developer. There is a flaw in this authority. The developer's ability to cover the costs is dependent upon a lot of things. A few years ago, a resident in Southern Heights asked the City to remove an old brick wall that at one time had the name of the subdivision on the sign. The removal of this wall required contact with the property owners within the subdivision and the City to remove the structure, dispose of the debris and put the ground back to a suitable condition. We are going to look at a policy that identifies procedures for handling monuments that are on City right-of-way, or on a separately owned piece of property owned by the developer. When the City allowed Searcy and Wayman to install the lions on Kings Road, there was an easement that stated that these individuals should provide insurance to the City. According to Risk Management, we have never received any insurance. The policy we are looking at developing would require up front to the City, establishing these funds as our insurance policy so that we have funds to tear the structures down.

## **STORMWATER MEETINGS**

The City Council is reminded of the two Open House events that will be held this month, March 14 and 22, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the TCRC. Residents and property owners are invited to attend one of these open house events to learn about the proposed design solutions to City storm water issues for areas identified in the Storm Water Substantial Plan Report that was accepted by the City Council last fall. These areas are:

- 1) Floyd Creek (FC-2) Suburban-Monte Carlo
- 2) Steer Creek (SC-2) Lewis & Harrison
- 3) Steer Creek (SC-2) Lincoln & Normal
- 4) Bear Creek (BC-10) Normal Avenue
- 5) Steer Creek (SC-3) Pintail and Gadwell
- 6) Steer Creek (SC-3) Greenway and Canvasback

## **INCODE MUNICIPAL COURT SOFTWARE**

Last year, the City Council approved the purchase of new software for Municipal Court. The Council approved the purchase at a cost of \$25,293 which included an estimate for travel and training staff. The travel costs were under budget, but the training costs were

over the estimate, by an additional \$1,455.18. This is being brought to the Council as information only at this time, as there should be sufficient funds in the year end budget to cover the additional costs. If there are not, the Council will be asked to approve a budget adjustment. Apparently, Tyler Technologies billed the City for this additional amount plus an outstanding invoice of \$4,142.93. Our records do show that we owed this amount of funds. We are not sure why it took Tyler Technologies so long to make contact with us about this outstanding payment.

## **LIVABLE STREETS**

On Tuesday, March 29, the City and University of Missouri Extension will host a Livable Streets Advocacy Training program. People want to live in a vibrant community filled with opportunity. Part of that package is a city where people can safely get around, whether it's by car, bicycle or foot-this is where the concept of Livable Streets comes in. A livable street allows all residents to walk, bike or wheel to important destinations. This event is free and will take place from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Adair County Annex Building, 301 N. Franklin. After the training, there will be a City-sponsored Open House from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to discuss the City of Kirksville's Master Trail Plan and the proposed FLATS Trail.

## **AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE**

The windows were replaced at the Aquatic Center. While the pool was closed for this improvement, we took the opportunity to find where the pool was leaking. Once the pool was drained, we found that there were issues with the paint. As a reminder, we contracted to have the indoor pool painted in 2010. We made contact with the company who repainted the pool. We will need to keep our eyes on the paint surface. We were not able to find the leak in-house and brought a company in who found a few problem areas. However, as of this weekend, the pool is still leaking. We are trouble shooting. We have replaced several valves, put plugs in each of the floor inlets to isolate the under pool piping. If it an under floor pipe that is leaking, we should be able to isolate the location. This would mean that we would have to tear out some of the concrete, repair the pipe and pour new concrete. This would take about 7 days to cure before the concrete can be painted.

## **AIRPORT UPDATE**

The months of January and February are slower months in regard to airline travel. Cape Air exceeded 600 passengers for the month of January and 577 passengers for February. Despite the number of flights cancelled due to the snow storm, and the two fewer days in the month. Sometime this summer, there will be an airside shuttle at Lambert that will provide secure shuttle service for passengers of Cape Air to Southwest Airline. We have been talking to Enterprise Leasing about a location at the airport. They will require a small amount of space in the terminal, but several designated parking spaces. We are going to try to make this happen. Cape Air has agreed to serve as the "Title Sponsor" for the 2011 Kirksville Air Fest. The 2011 Cape Air Kirksville Air Fest is scheduled for September 11. The event will feature several returning acts including: \*\*Team Aerostar - a Three Yak Formation Team, \*\*Skip Stewart - "Prometheus" Pitts Special, and \*\*Dave Dacy and Tony Kazian – Super Stearman Wing

Walking Team. The event will also include a variety of other activities including helicopter rides and tandem parachuting.

## **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

Wolfgang Hoeschele, Professor of Geography and Member of the President's Sustainability Action Committee at Truman State University is inviting members of the City Council to attend an event. As a part of Truman State University's effort to become more sustainable, the President's Sustainability Action Committee has invited Ted Howard, Executive Director of the Democracy Collaborative at the University of Maryland, to visit the university on April 21 and 22. The Council is invited to attend either or both of the planned events: a public "Global Issues" lecture on April 21 and a workshop designed for university and community leaders on April 22. Ted Howard has been a leader in developing programs, such as the Evergreen Initiative in Cleveland, Ohio, that seek to enhance the positive impacts of universities, hospitals and other "anchor institutions" on local economic and community development. The strategy focuses on analyzing how more of the goods and services purchased by these institutions may be sourced locally, and helping new start-up businesses (in many cases, coops) to serve these needs of anchor institutions. More information about this strategy for community development can be found on this website: <http://community-wealth.org/about/about-us.html>. In the public lecture, Howard will be discussing some of the past experiences and successes of applying this model (Thursday, April 21, 7 pm, Baldwin Little Theater). The following morning (Friday, April 22, 8:30-10:30 am, SUB Activities Room) he will be offering a workshop to discuss how such a strategy might be implemented in Kirksville, involving Truman State University and possibly the A. T. Still University, the Northeast Regional Medical Center, Kirksville Schools, and the Moberly Area Community College as anchor institutions, with the City of Kirksville and members of the Kirksville community as community partners. This could help kick off new ventures to improve the Kirksville economy over the long term, in spite of recent decreases in state funding for higher education.

## **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

The first Household Hazardous Waste drop off will take place on Wednesday, March 9 at 9:00 am. This drop off site has been made possible through a partnership between the City of Kirksville and the Northeast Missouri Solid Waste Management District. The service is available for all residents of Kirksville and Adair County. Drop-off is by appointment only. Citizens interested in participating in this program need to call Public Works to make an appointment. It is important for residents who wish to make an appointment, know what is being disposed and the quantity that will be dropped of at the collection site. The HHW collection site will not accept any HHW without a scheduled appointment. The program is limited to household waste and does not include disposal of any commercial hazardous waste. Household Hazardous Waste is a broad term that applies to any leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients. Items that will be accepted at the Kirksville collection site include: Aerosols, Antifreeze, Batteries-nicad, Batteries-alkaline, Batteries-lead acid, Batteries-lithium, Batteries-button, Ballasts, Bulbs-fluorescent, Bulbs-shattershield, Bulbs-HID, Bulbs-U-Shaped, Bulbs-crushed/broken, Cleaners-

water based, Cleaners-ammonia-based, Corrosives, Cylinder-fire extinguishers, Fertilizers, Oil-cooking, Oil-used filters, Oil-motor, gear, lube, Paint-latex, Paint-oil-based, Paint-lead based, Pesticides/Poison-Pesticides, Herbicides, Insecticides, Rodenticides, Miticides, and Fungicides. The HHW collection site will be open for appointments the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 9 to 11 am. In addition, the site will offer two Saturday collection events and will be taking appointments for Saturday, April 2 and Saturday, August 6 during the hours of 9 am to noon.

### **CSR UPDATE**

The new Citizen Service Request reporting system will be available later this month for citizens to use. As a reminder, this new system will allow citizens, who provide email and other contact information to follow-up on the status of their requests.

### **WELLNES UPDATE**

The triathlon team "*The Squirrels*" won the 2011 Winter Triathlon in the **Ironman Category!** Congratulations! Team members include Sara Holzmeier (swimmer), Steve Farnsworth (biker), and Al Dyer (runner). Within 40 minutes, Holzmeier was able to swim 1.12 miles, Farnsworth biked 23.2 miles and Dyer was able to run 5.8 miles! The team "*The Silver Bullets*" won the 2011 Winter Triathlon in the **Sprint Category!** Team members include Jeremy Davis (swimmer & biker) and Casey Garwood (runner). Within 20 minutes, Davis was able to swim .5 miles, bike 7 miles, and Garwood was able to run 2.5 miles. Each team member will receive an individualized medallion! Teams are currently participating in a walking competition. There are also educational classes being offered b Truman State students. The first class was about goal setting, the obstacles that are faced and how to establish realistic goals.

### **MML REGIONAL MEETING**

The Missouri Municipal League is planning to be in Kirksville on May 18<sup>th</sup> for a regional meeting. Please place this date on your calendar. It will be a dinner meeting at Thousand Hills Dining.

### **SMOKE BAN**

There are a couple of issues regarding the smoke ban. 1<sup>st</sup>) Mr. Robert Perkins came in to City Hall to express his displeasure regarding the smoke ban in a bar. Mr. Perkins was concerned about having to go outside in the cold weather and the waitresses disposing of his drink before he finishes it. Some of the information he had regarding the ban was incorrect. He was also under the impression that the City was going to ban people from smoking in homes. 2<sup>nd</sup>) A hookah business is being planned. Included with this Newsletter is a copy of the Index article. When I inquired with the Police Chief, he was not aware of anyone asking him if this type of business would be able to exist. Based upon the article, the only issue that I see concerns the selling of pre-packaged food. The definition of restaurant does not differentiate between prepared on site or pre-packaged. More information is needed and a review of the existing ordinance before a final determination is made.

## Attachments

Sales Tax Totals for Year  
Building Permits – January  
Airport Passenger Counts  
Emergency Management Letter  
Siren Pictures  
MoDOT Design Standards  
Day Care Flyer  
Essential Air Service Article  
Bob Priddy - Census Blog  
Wellness Program  
Index Article  
CID Handout  
Master Gardener's Report  
Concert on the Square Letter  
Humane Society Report  
Invitation from Local Disabled Veterans Group  
Letter from Property Owner Regarding Historic Preservation  
Thank you for Snow Removal  
March Kirksville Connection  
Annual Local Preference Report

**SALES TAX COLLECTIONS**  
**One-Cent General Sales Tax**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010 YTD Growth/-Loss Comparison to			
BUDGET	2,274,290	2,440,470	2,578,240	2,584,485	2,466,000	2009	2008	2007	2006
January	322,180.50	261,636.75	241,502.73	266,740.40	259,347.52	-2.77%	7.39%	-0.87%	-19.50%
February	214,395.10	208,545.59	219,903.17	195,734.29	200,778.78	2.58%	-8.70%	-3.72%	-6.35%
March	42,975.59	78,334.89	132,002.16	147,892.81	156,669.64	5.93%	18.69%	100.00%	264.55%
April	332,297.08	325,352.21	253,028.44	246,130.84	232,500.31	-5.54%	-8.11%	-28.54%	-30.03%
May	219,132.32	284,843.75	220,972.61	216,847.11	233,120.21	7.50%	5.50%	-18.16%	6.38%
June	84,424.76	90,815.59	148,541.83	142,964.71	143,943.57	0.68%	-3.10%	58.50%	70.50%
July	313,225.26	339,353.59	279,431.55	279,236.50	265,660.28	-4.86%	-4.93%	-21.72%	-15.19%
August	212,575.62	198,332.97	222,179.31	203,838.29	208,953.81	2.51%	-5.95%	5.36%	-1.70%
September	71,710.31	104,648.03	140,078.56	146,129.55	131,838.50	-9.78%	-5.88%	25.98%	83.85%
October	309,706.14	315,420.19	235,788.79	237,555.14	252,020.17	6.09%	6.88%	-20.10%	-18.63%
November	201,467.60	180,902.81	209,464.69	222,488.00	207,549.97	-6.71%	-0.91%	14.73%	3.02%
December	181,920.03	204,890.74	204,920.17	153,163.14	199,574.20	30.30%	-2.61%	-2.59%	9.70%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,506,010.31</b>	<b>2,593,077.11</b>	<b>2,507,814.01</b>	<b>2,458,720.78</b>	<b>2,491,956.96</b>	<b>1.35%</b>	<b>-0.63%</b>	<b>-3.90%</b>	<b>-0.56%</b>
<b>VARIANCE from BUDGET</b>									
Growth/(Loss)	231,720.31	152,607.11	(70,425.99)	(125,764.22)	25,956.96				

**BUILDING PERMITS**  
**February**

The following is a listing of new construction in Kirksville for the period February 1, 2011 through February 28, 2011:

Date: February 11, 2011  
Owner: Brian Kubin  
Use: Garage  
Address: 1102 E. Harrison  
Permit No.: 7398  
Const. Co.: Cook Construction

Date: February 25, 2011  
Owner: Smith & Read Corp.  
Use: Multi - Family  
Address: 416 S. First, Apt. A-D  
Permit No.: 7404  
Const. Co.: A P Read Homes

Date: February 28, 2011  
Owner: Lambda Chi Alpha  
Use: Duplex  
Address: 908 S. Osteopathy  
Permit No.: 7405  
Const. Co.: Jeremy Hettinger Construction

\*\*\*Note: No Building Permit was required, but the new Health Sciences Building at Truman State University was addressed as 1304 S. Florence.

Month	Scheduled Flights	Actual Flights	Deplaned Passengers	Enplaned Passengers	Number of Passengers per Day	Passengers Per Flight	Total Monthly Passenger	Total Passenger Count Same # of Months
Sep-07	110	108	108	116	12.50	3.68	224	1,520
Oct-07	108	106	161	172	10.74	3.14	333	
Nov-07	104	102	187	188	12.50	3.68	375	
Dec-07	104	84	107	135	7.81	2.88	242	
Jan-08	108	94	104	130	7.55	2.49	234	
Feb-08	100	91	48	64	3.61	1.23	112	
Sep-08	96	96	70	68	4.45	1.44	138	740
Oct-08	100	100	89	76	5.32	1.65	165	
Nov-08	90	90	62	68	4.19	1.44	130	
Jan-09	96	96	60	52	3.61	1.17	112	
Feb-09	88	88	36	47	2.96	0.94	83	
Sep-09	96	96	77	83	5.33	1.67	160	
Oct-09	96	96	120	122	7.81	2.52	242	
Nov-09	94	94	105	105	7.00	2.23	210	
Dec-09	100	100	79	133	6.84	2.12	212	
Jan-10	100	100	65	65	4.19	1.30	130	
Feb-10	88	88	80	98	6.36	2.02	178	
Sep-10	133	133	155	165	10.32	2.41	320	3,652
Oct-10	184	183	338	367	22.74	3.85	705	
Nov-10	180	172	352	392	24.00	4.33	744	
Dec-10	186	182	298	393	22.29	3.80	691	
Jan-11	186	170	324	291	19.84	3.62	615	
Feb-11	168	149	283	294	18.61	3.87	577	

**Cape Air assumed air service in September 2010. Chart is intended to show the difference in ridership for the same period of months. There is as significant improvement in ridership.**

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor

STATE OF MISSOURI

Paul D. Parmenter  
Director

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Feb. 25, 2011

## **Missouri's annual state tornado drill will be held March 8**

*Severe Weather Awareness Week in Missouri is March 7-11*

Missouri's 2011 Severe Weather Awareness Week has one goal: to save lives, as the threat for severe weather across the state transitions from snow and ice to severe thunderstorms and flooding. The **National Weather Service**, the **State Emergency Management Agency** and local emergency management offices will conduct the 37<sup>th</sup> annual state tornado drill on Tuesday, March 8 at 1:30 p.m., as part of Missouri Severe Weather Awareness Week, which runs from March 7-11. If Missouri is experiencing statewide severe weather conditions, the drill will be moved to Thursday, March 10 at 1:30 p.m.

"The state tornado drill is important because it reminds all of us to plan for weather emergencies that are a common threat across Missouri," said **State Emergency Management Agency Director Paul D. Parmenter**. "The drill provides a designated time for schools, businesses and others to practice taking shelter when a tornado warning is issued."

According to the National Weather Service, Missouri experienced 65 tornadoes in 2010, including multiple tornadoes on Dec. 31, which were responsible for five deaths and 13 injuries. Four of the five people killed were in mobile homes when the tornadoes struck.

The entire drill can be completed in 15 minutes. Once Missourians hear broadcast drill messages or outdoor warning sirens, they should practice seeking shelter. The safest shelter location is an interior room without windows in the lowest level of a building. Other safe locations for businesses and schools include basements, hallways, underneath staircases and designated tornado safe rooms. The drill is complete once everyone is accounted for in the designated shelters.

Remember:

- **Tornado Watch** means tornadoes are possible. Remain alert for approaching storms. Watch the sky and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for information.
- **Tornado Warning** means a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately.
- An interior room without windows on the lowest floor is the safest shelter location.
- Do not seek shelter in a cafeteria, gymnasium or other large open room because the roof might collapse.
- Immediately leave a mobile home to seek shelter in a nearby building.
- If you are driving, you should stop and take shelter in a nearby building.
- Overpasses are not safe. An overpass' under-the-girder-type construction can cause a dangerous wind tunnel effect. In some cases bridges have collapsed, killing and injuring those who are seeking shelter underneath them.
- If you are driving in a rural area and spot a tornado, driving away from the tornado's path may be the safest option if the tornado is far away. If the tornado is bearing down on you, stop your vehicle off the traveled section of the roadway and seek a sturdy shelter or lie flat in a ditch or other low spot. If you are outside, remember to cover your head with your arms, a coat or blanket to protect yourself from flying debris. Be prepared to move quickly in case the ditch fills with water. Also, remember that stopping near the roadway increases the chance of being struck by other motorists—so be alert and exercise caution.
- Never drive into standing water. It can take less than six inches of fast moving water to sweep a vehicle into a river or creek. If your vehicle does become stuck in rising water, get out quickly and move to higher ground. Always heed signs that warn of flash flooding.

#### Helpful Web sites:

- NWS – Kansas City/Pleasant Hill, Missouri Severe Weather Awareness Week: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/eax/?n=severewx-awareness>
- NWS – St. Louis, Spring Weather Campaign: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/lxx/?n=preparedness>
- Missouri Department of Transportation Travelers Map: <http://www.modot.mo.gov/>
- Missouri's Ready In 3 program: [http://www.dhss.mo.gov/Ready\\_in\\_3/](http://www.dhss.mo.gov/Ready_in_3/)
- FEMA's Animals in Emergencies for Pet Owners information: <http://www.fema.gov/individual/animals.shtm>

Photographs of damage resulting from the Dec. 31, 2010 tornadoes and severe weather are available at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/missouridps/sets/72157625606762529/>







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February 16, 2011

The Honorable Claire McCaskill  
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Dear Senator McCaskill:

The Kirksville Regional Airport is a rural small community airport that participates in, and heavily depends on the EAS program. The recent amendments to the FAA Reauthorization Bill S.223 Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act could effectively repeal the Essential Air Service (EAS) program. This would be devastating, and could bring negative effects on our community's economy.

As you know, the Essential Air Service was established after the 1978 deregulation of the airline industry and has grown into a vital, non-controversial program that connects Americans like us living in rural communities, such as Kirksville, Missouri, with the rest of the world. According to May 2010 data, there are 109 airports in the contiguous 48 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, as well as 44 in Alaska, receiving subsidized service. Eliminating the program will have a devastating impact on the economies of rural communities. It makes little sense to reduce personal and business travel volume by cutting off residents of our rural areas at a time when jobs are already hard to come by. It makes even less sense to enact cuts that will only make this problem worse.



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Dennis Devany and his crew at the EAS Division of the Department of Transportation have done a great job of streamlining this program to increase its efficiency, mostly by eliminating subsidy support for communities that are within a reasonable driving distance of a major hub airport. We would welcome proposals that would include additional improvements, such as allowing new financial incentives for EAS carriers to encourage better service, allowing longer-term EAS contracts if such arrangements are in the community's best interest, allowing for large airlines to code-share on service to small communities, or requiring large airlines to code-share with EAS airlines.

As you well know, Kirkville, Missouri is home to Truman State University and A.T. Still University along with several small businesses and industries that are at least a three-hour drive to the next hub airport. Both of these facilities have made it well known that they have to have affordable, dependable, air service, not only for recruitment of students, but for faculty and staff travel as well. This, along with a struggling industrial climate, make it imperative to have access to the air system network that would only be afforded to the major cities if the EAS program were eliminated at our community.

I strongly believe in the EAS program and understand the fiscal challenges facing our nation, but wholeheartedly believe this reduction of the EAS program would have devastating effects on not only our community's economic recovery and development, but on the entire country as well. I respectfully ask that you abandon any attempts to repeal the EAS program and work with us to ensure its continued success across the nation.

Sincerely,  
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. A. Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

David A Hall  
Airport Director  
Kirksville Regional Airport

# Comment

## Now our airport?

Many of our jobs are gone — overseas. Many of those that replace them don't pay a living wage. Statistics repeatedly show rural areas have poverty on a scale equal to the inner cities. You have to be an unbelievable optimist to try to run a store on any Main Street in this part of America.

And then there are the highways. Or, should we say, lack of decent highways.

And now, the federal government wants to sever one of the few things in McKean County that has been a lifeline to economic development — Bradford airport. Oh, we're not alone. Most of the rural airports across the country have been targeted for virtual elimination as budget-cutters wield their ax at the Essential Air Service program which sustains so many of them.

Rural areas — and McKean County is a prime example — have been decimated over the past few decades. Our young people have left to find decent jobs, local merchants have succumbed to "big box" stores, our tax base is a mere shadow of its former self.

And so many of the program that aim to give rural areas an equal footing with urban areas have disappeared, leaving us on our own.

Bradford has been blessed by many economic development agencies but even with government help they struggle all day, every day, just to keep us from going further backward.

And this battle becomes nearly impossible to win when we're stripped of the tools of war.

If you think transportation isn't key to economic growth, ask somebody in McKean County who runs a factory, or a university, or a hospital. It's vital.

An airport would probably be superfluous if we had any decent roads. It has been a good 10 years and maybe more since this newspaper has *stopped* writing about the need for a four-lane U.S. Route 219 through this region. We were die-hards but even the most optimistic at some point realize the effort is merely tilting at windmills.

But now our airport?

A devoted group of people have been struggling for years to make this airport viable. They have attracted the National Guard armory, and developed an incubator facility to help bring in jobs. Just recently, we learned that the push for development of the Marcellus shale has helped bring additional commerce to the airport — something that surely will continue. In fact, our airport has been approaching the point where it wouldn't even need the federal subsidy.

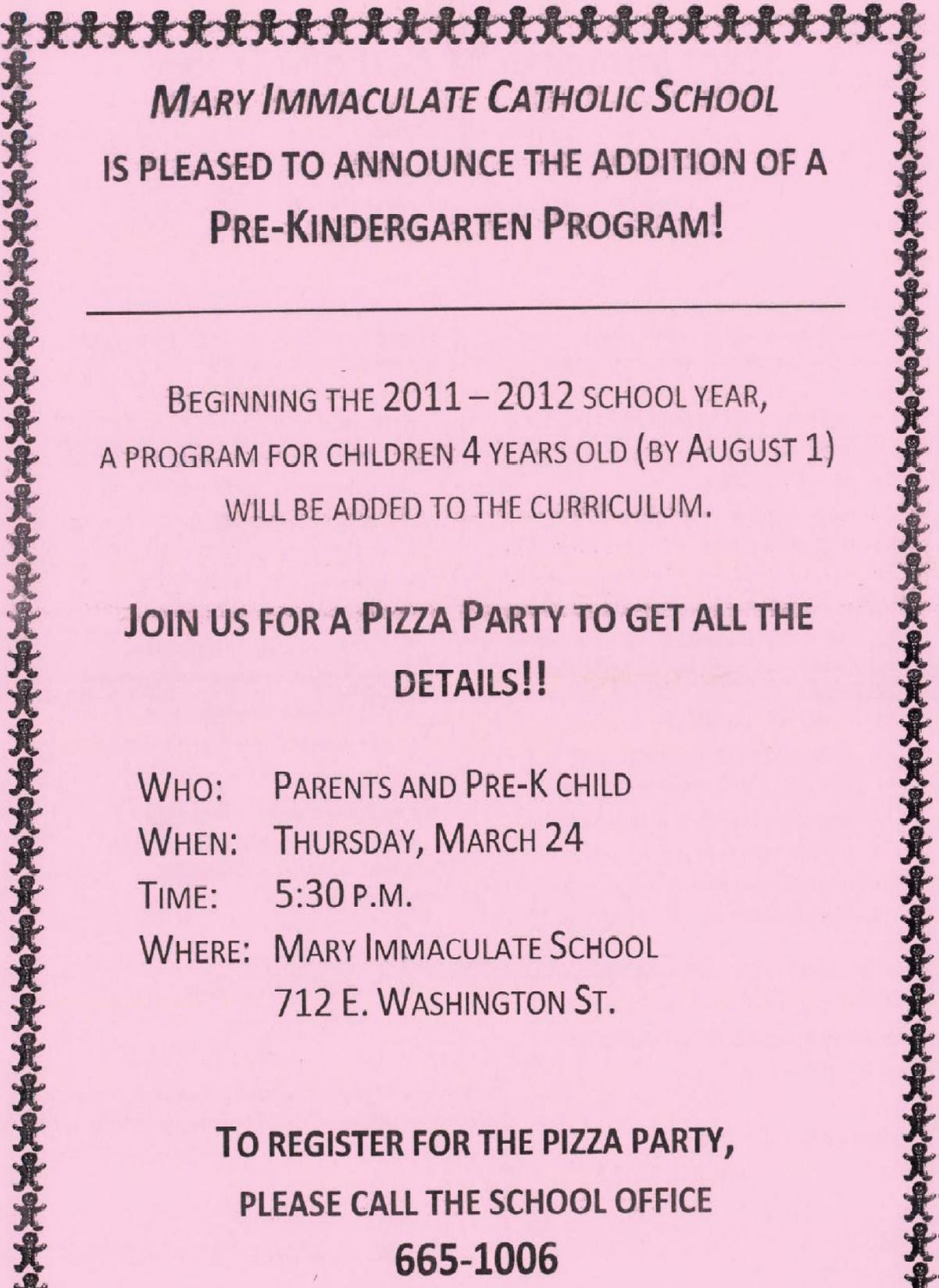
And something people forget: Rural airports, much like our Interstate highway system, were constructed as part of an overall civil defense strategy. It was a mere 10 years ago when that need came to the forefront in the aftermath of Sept. 11.

Don't misunderstand; we know that cutting government spending is imperative if the country is ever to thrive again.

But thriving also requires economic growth — yes, even for these neglected rural areas. And doing away with this federal help to our rural airports is tantamount to throwing out the baby with the bath water.

Could this decision be the last proverbial straw for rural America? In a word, yes.

Forgive our cynicism, but we believe rural programs are easy targets for politicians: There are just too few of us to fight back.



**MARY IMMACULATE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE ADDITION OF A  
**PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM!**

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BEGINNING THE 2011 – 2012 SCHOOL YEAR,  
A PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN 4 YEARS OLD (BY AUGUST 1)  
WILL BE ADDED TO THE CURRICULUM.

**JOIN US FOR A PIZZA PARTY TO GET ALL THE  
DETAILS!!**

**WHO:** PARENTS AND PRE-K CHILD

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, MARCH 24

**TIME:** 5:30 P.M.

**WHERE:** MARY IMMACULATE SCHOOL  
712 E. WASHINGTON ST.

**TO REGISTER FOR THE PIZZA PARTY,  
PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
665-1006**

## [Missourinet: The Blog](#)

Not exactly news, but some stuff we thought you should know

### **Is it worth it?**

by Bob Priddy on February 28, 2011

We know we're going to get some hate mail for this but the new census figures force the question to be asked.

Is it worthwhile to have a county with only 2,151 people in it, a county that lost almost nine percent of the 2,382 people it had a decade ago?

It's not a new question. It's been asked after other decennial counts and sometimes in between. It is a delicate question, though, because it goes to a person's sense of place and the sense of place is extremely important to all of us.

There used to be a little town called Cedar City at the foot of the Missouri River bridge that linked Jefferson City with Callaway County. The town dated from 1870 and was a place for homes, churches, and a school. It was never very big. It was flooded several times but the people always came back. Many years ago Jefferson City tried to buy out the town, move residents north to the location of a planned new highway interchange, and turn the townsite into an industrial development project. The townfolks in Cedar City flat-out rejected the overture. This was their town. This was where generations of their families had lived. It might be a pretty poor town but it was THEIR town. It was their home. Then came 1993 and the flood that killed Cedar City. Most of what used to be the town is now a Jefferson City Park.

So questioning the sense of place is pretty ticklish stuff.

The census numbers can lead one down several paths. But let's stay with Worth County for a bit because its situation is only one part of a situation in north Missouri, a rural area with few people. If we have to ask whether Worth is worth it, we also must ask if Mercer and Knox counties are worth it either, or Schuyler, Scotland, Holt, Putnam, and Atchison are worth it. How small is too small for a county?

Thirteen of Missouri's least-populous counties in the northernmost two tiers of counties. Counting backwards: Worth, 115; Mercer, 114, Knox, 113, Schuyler, 112, Scotland, 111, Holt, 110, Putnam, 109, Atchison, 108, Sullivan 104; Gentry, 103; Clark 102; Davies, 99; Harrison 96 The most populous of the group, Harrison County, has 8,957 people. (Missouri has 114 counties. The City of St. Louis also has county structures—a sheriff, for example—so that's that's why Worth County is listed as 115.)

Putnam (109) through Worth (115) all have fewer than 5,000 people in the most recent census. And yet each has all of the regular county offices. All have courthouses.

So every ten years some folks start asking if the costs to taxpayers would be less if some of these counties merged, creating one county commission, one collector, one assessor, one clerk, etc.

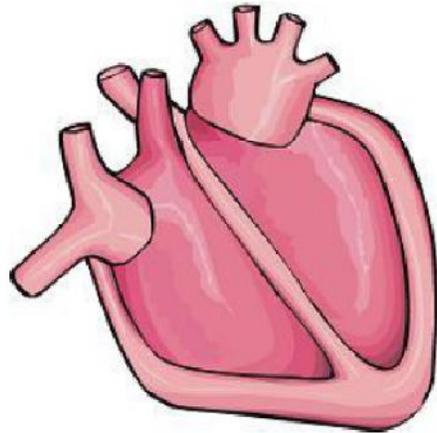
Another consideration is this: Other than St. Louis County, which came into being in 1876 when voters decided to separate the city from the county, Missouri has not created a new county since Carter County was born in 1859. That was back in the days when villages were formed within one day's wagon ride of each other. Does that same standard need to be the practical standard in maintaining our county structure 150 years later?

And then there's this: Has anybody ever thought that there have been a lot of people since 1859 who are even more worthy of honor than some of those whose names have been attached to our present counties. Worth County was named for a Mexican-American War general who died in 1849 and was, as far as we know, never in Missouri. Mercer County was carved out of Grundy County in 1845 and named for Revolutionary War General Hugh Mercer who died in that war. Schuyler is named for a U.S. Senator from New York who died in 1804. Putnam was named for Revolutionary War officer Israel Putnam, who died in 1790. Shelby County is named for a governor of Kentucky.

Missouri has redrawn county lines in the past and has renamed several counties in the past. Every ten years the census numbers prompt discussions of realigning some of our counties. Obviously those discussions haven't gotten far.

We'll be watching to see if there's a discussion this time about whether it's worth it to have Worth County.

# SMART HEARTS



This session will provide you with information on **heart health** and ways to improve and maintain heart health through several easy steps.

Discussion topics include: heart disease risk factors, blood pressure, how lifestyle affects heart health, diabetes and more!

**When:** Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm

or Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 11:00am

**Where:** TCRC (315 South Franklin Street)

\*Free blood pressure readings also provided!\*

# Students plan to open hookah bar in Kirksville

BY LISA KUCHARSKI  
Staff Reporter

When freshmen Dan Nixon and Andrew Wu came to Kirksville, they decided something was missing from the college night-life. They decided to start their own hookah bar at 106 S. Elson, which they hope to open by March 18.

Nixon said he and Wu asked many of their friends what they thought Kirksville needed, and they almost unanimously agreed that it needed hookah bars. Nixon said he knows of fraternity members that have hookahs, but don't have the convenience of a central place to use them.

"Hookah bar is a growing industry," Nixon said. "It's becoming one of the mainstays for other college towns."

Nixon said they signed the lease for the building Saturday and hope to open after construction. He said the repair process should take approximately two weeks and the cost should be approximately \$1,500. The building space was formerly a bar, so there are soda fountains, an ice machine, a stage and restrooms.

Because hookah traditionally is considered to be more Middle Eastern, Nixon said he and Wu are naming it the Jinn Lounge. He said jinn is Arabic for genie.

However, with the indoor smoking ban in Kirksville, Nixon said he and Wu have been dealing with limitations.

"We're very restricted on what exactly we can offer without becoming one of the places where indoor smoking would be banned," Nixon said.

Because of the restrictions they cannot serve full meals or have billiards or live entertainment, Nixon said. The smoking law bans smoking in entertainment places, amusement places, coffee bars, bars and restaurants. He said if the Jinn Lounge falls into any of those categories, it cannot have the hookah.

Nixon said they cannot make food or bring in prepared food. Only packaged food like chips and other snack foods are allowed. Nixon said he and Wu soon will file with the state of Missouri to obtain their sales tax license to sell these snacks. Once they obtain their sales tax license, Nixon said they will apply for the Adair County and the City of Kirksville business licenses.

Nixon said no hookah products have been ordered yet, but they will

purchase the tobacco and hookahs from a web wholesaler at Southsmoke.com. He said he still is looking at pricing options for the Jinn Lounge, but hopes to draw larger groups by charging less for the hookah and more per person. Nixon said they probably will be adding student and group discounts.

Jerry Caldwell, owner of the Green Door tobacco store on the Square said he doesn't think a business that only operates as a place to smoke hookah will last very long in Kirksville.

"Any business coming to a community should do their homework first and make sure it is feasible," Caldwell said.

He said the Green Door is different because it has a place for people to come in and smoke, but it also sells tobacco. He said there is a hookah and cigar lounge for customers and the store is allowed to have an indoor smoking area because it does not serve food or liquor.

Beth Meline, business licensing clerk for the city of Kirksville, said all businesses in Kirksville must apply for a license to operate. She said when the smoking ban was passed, the Green Door had to speak to the Kirksville Police Department about their license. Meline said when the Jinn Lounge applies, it might have to do the same.

Meline said business have to submit their application for a license to her and then pass inspection by the codes department and fire department. She said from there, they pass it on to whoever needs to review it, such as the health or police departments.

Wu said many people who smoke hookah usually don't want to be associated with people who smoke cigarettes. He said cigarette smoking has a nervous feeling to it, while hookah is more calm and relaxed. He said it's more about the social aspect than the fondness for nicotine.

"It's not so much about the smoking as it is about conversing with others and sharing ideas," Wu said.

Wu said that to promote their hookah bar, they are considering hiring an advertisement designer for a short time. He said they need someone to create posters and are hoping to be sponsored by an on campus organization to put these posters up on campus.



**Kirksville Area Master Gardeners  
University of Missouri Extension  
503 E. Northtown Road  
Kirksville, MO 63501**

JAN 14 2011

February 11, 2011

Mari Macomber  
City Manager  
201 S. Franklin Street  
Kirksville, MO 63501

Dear Mari,

On behalf of the members of the Kirksville Area Master Gardeners, (KAMG), I am writing to update you about the efforts of our members to beautify the gardens in the Kirksville city parks. We are into our second decade of working in the gardens and landscapes of the city parks. Our members volunteer hundreds of hours each year in a variety of programs and services, from free gardening seminars to planting flowers at churches to assisting elderly neighbors with their gardening needs.

For the City of Kirksville, our members maintain day lily beds in Brashear Park, Jaycee Park, Memorial Park, PC Mills Park, Roadside Park, and Rotary Park. The mixed garden of perennials and annuals at the Veteran's Memorial and the perennial gardens at the southwest and southeast corners of Brashear Park are also maintained by Master Gardeners.

Other areas around Kirksville that Master Gardeners have adopted or regularly volunteer to maintain include the flower bed around the Adair County Public Library sign, the rose garden on the courthouse square, the prairie garden in Rotary Park, the Senior Living Campus Energy Trail, the gardens at Trinity Episcopal Church, landscape at the Baptist Student Union, various gardens at Truman State University, and the flower beds at the MU Extension Building.

We have just completed an accounting of our members' volunteer hours for 2010. Out of over 900 volunteer hours reported in a variety of services, projects, and educational meetings, 89 hours were recorded in just the Kirksville city parks gardens for planting, weeding, trimming, mulching and deadheading. Ten of our members reported at least some time spent beautifying the city parks. Independent Sector, a coalition of leading nonprofits, foundations, and corporations strengthening not-for-profit initiative, philanthropy and citizen action, estimates the average value of a volunteer hour at \$20.25 (according to 2008 figures). That means the Kirksville Area Master Gardeners contributed about \$1,800 in volunteer labor beautifying the Kirksville parks.

The Kirksville Area Master Gardeners look forward to continuing our involvement with the beautification of the city parks. The commitment of city dollars to support our efforts has been minimal, but adequate. We expect our needs for annual flowers and cypress mulch will be similar for the coming season. We hope we can continue to count on the City of Kirksville's investment in our efforts to make Kirksville's city parks a beautiful asset.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Limestall".

Susan Limestall  
2011 President  
Kirksville Area Master Gardeners

# Kirksville Downtown Improvement Committee, Inc.



## CID FOR THE DOWNTOWN

### Kirksville Downtown Community Improvement District

#### Talking Points with Property Owners

*Purpose of the CID:* Provide funds to host events and make improvements to the downtown area and have someone to direct it.

*Why a 1/2 cent sales tax:* This would be enough for improvements to be made without raising the tax to the maximum amount. (The maximum amount allowed is 1%.)

The sales tax:

- 1/2 cent increase would make the rate 8.35% in the downtown CID. Present rate is 7.85%.
- The rest of Kirksville would be at 7.85% except for that area from Orscheln to Stage which has a CID and a tax rate of 8.85%.
- A purchase made of \$10 would add \$.05
- A purchase of \$50 would add \$.25.
- A purchase of \$100 would add \$.50.

*Services/Improvements:* (see back of sheet)

*Boundary:* It was made using a combination of the TIF/DREAM boundary, Central Business District, Historic Preservation District, and to include university bookstores and eating establishments.

*Process followed for making a CID:* **Petition** is signed by 50% of property owners and 50% of owners of assessed value (this is key because many have said that Truman and ATSU will get to have more votes, but they have no vote on assessed value since they don't pay taxes). **Vote** is taken by the owners. **City Council** then considers making it an ordinance (after all the public meetings and such).

*How the CID will work:*

**Use of funds:** for the services and improvements on the back. Continue to have an Executive Director to direct all of this.

**Term of CID:** 20 Years

**Governing Board:** 5 people are chosen. 3 will be business owners who own their property and 2 will be business owners who lease their property.

### Events and Services/Improvements

- Keep, continue and develop new Downtown Events with a funding source from KDCID:
    - January: Festival of the Snow (to be developed).
    - February: (Valentine's for restaurants and jewelry places)
    - March: St. Patrick's Day Parade & Celebration.
    - April: Veteran's Appreciation Day at Rieger Armory. Easter Event.
    - May: Opening of Farmer's Market. Memorial Day.
    - June: Summer on the Square June/August. Flag Day Celebration (to be developed). Farmer's Market each Saturday.
    - July: Red, White and Blue Festival. Farmer's Market each Saturday.
    - August: Battle of Kirksville Commemoration. Farmer's Market each Saturday.
    - September: Red Barn Arts & Crafts Festival. Annual Bacon Festival. Farmer's Market each Saturday.
    - October: Homecoming Weekends & Parades for TSU and KHS. Halloween in the Downtown. Farmer's Market each Saturday, concluding last week in October.
    - November: Small Business Saturday and Christmas
    - December: Christmas Events and Santa Downtown
  - Marketing and Co-Op Advertising focused on the Downtown
  - Thirty (30) Banners made for events to be up in downtown
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- Increased District Communication/Newsletter
  - Enhanced Infrastructure Planning and Improvements
  - Gateways to the Downtown at various locations
  - Begin program to assist with Awning Replacement Help (in form of mini-grants)
  - Replacing/Improving Sidewalks
  - Snow Cleaning/Sidewalk Sweepers
  - Begin plans to improve parking (handicap/sticker set for owners of businesses, another lot)
  - Begin plans on how to improve alleyways
  - Begin plans on mid-block pedestrian crossings and enhanced intersections
  - Strategic Planning on Business Attraction and Retention
  - Begin and Implement Master Plan on Landscaping and Streetscaping Designs (trees, benches lighting, bike racks, planters, hanging baskets, trash cans, etc)
  - Develop Downtown Retail Strategy (targets leasing plan, recruitment, collaboration)
  - Implement Retail Marketing Strategy
  - Begin plans for Residential Marketing (website: sale and rental)

- New Business Development in the downtown\_Begin plans for Incentives for new/expanding businesses
- Creating a Downtown Resource Center for marketing, recruiting, sponsoring guest speakers and workshops for business owners
- Courthouse Square Improvements
- Data Collection:
  - Track leases/space inventory, buildings and businesses, workers and residents
- Multipurpose trail and green space
- Lobbying government on behalf of business interests
- Security help with extra events



## **Toolbox Ministries Lending A Hand**

This summer the Gayton Baptist Church Toolbox Ministries team will bring approximately 20 adults and 80 high school students to assist with improvement projects in Novinger. Among the activities planned during the July 16 – 23 visit are general clean-up around town, home repairs, and the building of an outdoor basketball court for public use. The Toolbox team will also conduct youth sports camps during the week.

Town residents will soon have the opportunity to apply to receive assistance for a variety of home improvements, yard work and demolition. A simple application will be distributed in the water bills. These will be reviewed by a local committee and Gayton Toolbox Ministry leaders to determine which projects can be undertaken within the allotted time frame.

The basketball court will be built across the street and north of the present school on a location thought to be in the general area of the dirt court where NHS basketball was first played. This location was chosen due to it being on a somewhat level area above the flood plain and will allow for future maintenance and liability coverage.

A rural Novinger resident, Mike Klem, shared information on Novinger's struggles with flooding, the tornado and recent fire with his cousin Bill Nayda, a member of the Toolbox Ministries team, after learning the group was considering possible sites for the summer of 2011. Gayton leaders then visited Novinger in early December to make preliminary arrangements and share information on their ministry efforts. The mission team will be staying at the school, and the Community Center has been reserved for the team's use during the evenings and as needed. Evening meals will be provided by area organizations and churches. Area volunteers will be assisting with preliminary preparation for the projects and holding fundraising events to help provide support for needed supplies.

Gayton Baptist Church is located in Henrico, Virginia (a suburb of Richmond). The Gayton Youth and Toolbox Ministries team have traveled throughout the United States and Canada over the past 18 years rebuilding communities and leading camps.

Novinger Renewal is accepting donations to help purchase necessary supplies. Please send tax-deductible donations made to Novinger Renewal (earmarked as "Toolbox Ministries" on the memo line or an enclosed note) to 15892 State Highway 6, Novinger, MO 63559. For more

information on Gayton Toolbox Ministries and the upcoming mission to Novinger contact Scott Johnson at 804-402-6279 or Bill Nayda at 804-432-1629.

**KIRKSVILLEarts**  
Association

P.O. Box 88 Kirksville, MO 63501 (660) 665-0500

February 21, 2011

City of Kirksville  
201 S. Franklin  
Kirksville, MO 63501  
ATTN: Mari Macomber

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Dear Mari,

Once again the Kirksville Arts Association Summer on the Square Concert Committee is planning the 2011 summer concert series. I am in the process of contacting our partners from the 2010 concert series and hope that the City of Kirksville will again be a sponsor for the 2011 series. The 2010 concert series reached over 3090 adults and 220 children with a volunteer base of 20 and a committee of 6 who spent over 80 hours bringing these concerts to the community.

**Executive Board**

President  
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Rhonda Smith

Historically the series costs approximately \$5000 to bring to the community and past partnerships have been developed with the City of Kirksville, Pepsi Cola Memphis Bottling Company, Kirksville Rocks, Walgreen Drug, Du Kum Inn, Chariton Valley Association/Alliant Bank, 1000 Hills Morning Rotary and Northeast Regional Medical Center.

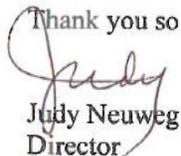
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In return for your sponsorship City of Kirksville will gain news coverage on radio and television. Information will be posted on the Kirksville Arts website as well as posters throughout the Northeast area communities and flyers will be stuffed in grocery bags at HyVee. Volunteers will also be on "Area Scene" to bring the concert line-up and information to area listeners. Local radio and television stations keep the community informed on a weekly basis. Each week one of our sponsors will also be "saluted" in appreciation of their support.

We feel that these concerts are well attended and bring an appreciation of the arts to residents of Kirksville and the surrounding areas. Once again we hope that you will partner with us to bring these concerts to our community. In order to plan, if possible, I would like to have a **verbal commitment by April 1** and **sponsorship by May 15<sup>th</sup>**. The Arts Association looks forward to continuing this relationship in the 2011 concert season.

Thank you so much.

  
Judy Neuweg  
Director

**ADAIR COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY**

**P.O. Box 481**

**Kirksville, Missouri 63501**

February 6, 2011

**TO: Kirksville City Manager**

**FROM: Adair County Humane Society**

**RE: January Shelter Report**

<b>Brought to Shelter</b>	Dogs	11
	Cats	5
	Puppies	2
	Kittens	1
<b>Reclaimed by Owner</b>	Dogs	5
	Cats	1
	Puppies	0
	Kittens	0
<b>Euthanized from City</b>	Dogs	1
	Cats	8
	Puppies	0
	Kittens	1
<b>Brought to Shelter Dead</b>	Dogs	0
	Cats	1
	Puppies	0
	Kittens	0
	Other	18

  
Jackie Eaton, Treasurer



## **DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS**

**North Missouri Chapter 48  
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24 February 2011

Dear Fellow Veterans and City Officials,

On behalf of the Chapter Commander Larry Erwin, Disabled American Veterans, Local Chapter #48, Located in Kirksville, Mo. I would like announce once again we will have it's annual **Veterans Appreciation Day on April 16th, 2011** at the Reiger Armory in Kirksville. This will be the Fourteenth year of this event. It gets better every year and helps so many of our Northeast Missouri veterans. Last year we had over 300 people, mostly veterans and their wives attended and visit the booths (tables) that will be set up. This year we hope to have: Social Security, Oats Bus, Department of aging, VAMC from Columbia, VA Clinic Kirksville, just to name a few.

Throughout the day we will have door prizes, country music, a variety of information booths. The Auxiliary will have a White Elephant Sale and a Bake Sale. Lunch will be served from 1100 hrs until 1 PM. Bar-B-Que dinner.

The program starts at 1 PM. VA Representatives from St. Louis and The Department Service Officer from DAV at Columbia VA Medical Center. The veterans Seminar tells all veterans what their benefits are. Veterans need to bring their Form DD-214 **COPY** (discharge) papers with them to have any Compensation or Pension increase/ or health benefits enrollment for the VA.

If ever there was a place to ask your questions about veteran's benefits. **This is the time and this is the place.**

State Senator, Brian Munzlinger and Representative Zack Wyatt will be making their remarks at about 1:15 p.m. David Unterwagner from the St Louis Veterans Benefit Agency will follow with his remarks. Missouri Funeral Honors Display with Dean Taylor Eastern Area Coordinator will be available.

We would love to have your participation on this day. Please mark this on your calendar and make plans to join us. **Please wear your hat of your organization.**

We greatly appreciate your support. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry E. Daniels". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larry E. Daniels  
DAV Chapter #48 Adjutant, Service Officer

Re: Ordinance of City of Kirksville on Historic Preservation.

To whom it may concern:

In regard to the proposed Historic Preservation ordinance there are questions to be considered. Ordinances are fine when there is a definite need of them but Historical Preservation should be voluntary by property owners. It should not be a commission just for grants that will have to be subsidized at a later date by the city or individual tax payer having to pick up the tab. This must have much more thought and examination before a hurried passing. There is no common sense used regarding something so demanding and intrusive on private property owners.

I believe the city declared the down town Historic District: Marion St on the East, Missouri on the North and Jefferson on the South as the Historic District. Since then I understand the Committee wanted more control so they extended it to South Franklin St. because the South end was the way to Truman State U. There were no requirements when the City and merchants around the square agreed to install metal awnings for a more pleasant shopping in inclement weather for people to shop. Now it's said they are unsightly. We used to have good solid concrete side walks, now we have bricks in bricks out that are hard to keep clean and impossible to shovel with winter ice and snow.

In the late 1960s I completely remodeled an antique building. Now it would be financially impossible and useless to reinstate to its past façade of being a bank building with two foot diameter columns up the front. . Other buildings on the square were up dated to improve their general use. In the 40s and 50s you had the Mills Building on the NW corner was a bank, beauty shop, Jayne's Restaurant, a Paint Store and Temple Stevens Grocery and feed store and Banner Grill to the north of that. The NE corner was a dance hall on the second floor, a grocery on the corner and a Hardware Store next door. The SW corner was a Bank then Kroger Grocery, Underhill's Ladies Ready to Ware, a Hardware Store, Wilcox Drug Store, a Variety Store, and 2 dime stores, McClellan's, & Woolworths with a Beer Joint pool hall, on the corner. Many changes were made to the square during that period of old Historic buildings. Owners renovated them for better general use for the changing times, and to make them more energy efficient and affordable to use. .

In the late '40 things were changing, updating the square for more business- remodeling etc. The KHPC is way behind for historic downtown. A couple of fires changed the looks, especially the West side of the square. A few buildings were burned and demolished and the land sat vacant till the Modern Movie theatre was built because of another fire. This building is certainly not historic like the Court House which had to be renovated to stop deterioration, so windows were updated, the statue and copula removed off the top, a new modern roof. Time marches on.

The south Franklin St. remodeling started when owners needed different types of structures for their businesses changing from Canteens during the war to businesses,

the old post office into city hall. The Miller Building has stayed the same and across the street the Bank of Kirksville built their new building that took out the old gas station for a parking lot, along with the Historic Kennedy building and Theatre. Moving south on Franklin St. and Jefferson the SE corner was a private residence destroyed for an Ice cream shop. Across the street the New Kroger store was built. On south the England residence was owned by a lawyer and is now apartments. Back to the east the Bell building was an Electrical Store, now apartments up stairs. Next Propst Cleaners a business with a built in apartment for the owners up stairs. Cross Pierce St. The Rinehart house a private residence now has apartments built in behind, next door and the rest of the private houses turned into apartments. Cherry Apartment building on the southwest corner of the street was built for (4 apartments and storage in the basement) To the South was private homes that kept roomers and were eventually built on and made into apartments. The 500 block was The First "Pickler" house on the corner of Scott and Franklin St. is now owned by Frank Mihalevich it was a private home then a boarding house, then a beauty shop was added and now has apartments. The Second "Pickler" house was built on the south east Corner of Scott and Franklin St. and was destroyed for "Come and Go" a convenience store and gas station. The next house down was a private residence for the Magruder family and was demolished for parking for Come and go. The third "Pickler" house was built for Mrs. Pickler. And now privately owned, and has rooms for college students. Across Filmore St. 600 block there were two small private houses and the corner cleared for "Stop and Shop" a fruit market in the summer then that was sold for Walker Trailer Sales which took up the rest of the block, then to the city for the main Fire Station. Across the street were private homes which are now in Apts. Truman State U purchased the City fire station. Most of these lots and houses have been removed and renovated with NO Historic value left. HISTORIC VALUE On SOUTH Franklin St. IS ONLY MEMORY.

I've lived along with my family or owned houses in the 500 and 700 blocks on Franklin St. for 84 + years. The houses at present are in better shape than years ago and would be impossible financially to restore historically to their former looks. I personally doubt any one on the commission can remember or owned a historic house along South Franklin Street.

Historic Preservation is TOO LATE. Historic Preservation for houses and buildings that have been remodeled for present day use is absurd when all a commission wants to do is get a grant and make property owners comply with their costly ideas. Let the private owners of historical places volunteer to enhance their places historically and not a committee designating a section of town or private property owners to have to restructure the places to suit the commission. The college has purchased many of the properties that people were paying taxes on and the College does not pay taxes and they are building more dorms with restrictions that students must live. Are you trying to eliminate tax paying properties from the city tax rolls? Don't make it any harder on the tax paying citizens by enforcing Historic Districts. We have the same population now as years ago with it being much harder to make a living in the city, higher taxes, more restrictions and now Historic Restoration. The college has destroyed and demolished older houses for their progress which the city encourages and that was acceptable!.

Even the Highway Department changed the corridors coming in to the city from where they used to be. Times have changed. The commission is way TOO LATE for re-designing sections for Historic Preservation.

The really old section of Kirksville was north of the square; many of the large older houses in that district have been there many years with the newer residences build on N. Franklin, Elson, Illinois and McPherson Streets. The old Light and Gas Co. was on north Elson, it used to furnish gas lights and hot water heat to all the down town businesses in its day. It was also connected to the Coal company which owned the Star mine just west of the city.

The Historic preservation of the past could be accomplished with pictures, identification, education, by recording architectural, aesthetic importance, interest, or value, and perhaps maintain an inventory of that information. The powers and duties of the KHPC could conduct an on going record and survey of the past keeping pictures, records, writings of Historic Places, and etc. But to have the power to shut down, impose more taxes and inform tax paying property owners how to run their present land holdings is abserd. You must have big city folks with big ideas for grants and power that certainly have little knowledge of the Historic places that used to exist in Kirksville,

I would be interested to know how they appointed people on this commission. How long they have lived in Kirksville. What is their family background and knowledge of Kirksville. What is their main qualifications for telling property owners and long time residence what they will have to do to their property for Kirksville's Historic Restoration of certain designated lots, streets and locations in Kirksville.

The city claims they want progress than act like it. Don't try to make property owners pay to restore the past because the City and the Universitys have demolished such a large part of it. Just keep the memories of the past for people to read and let the private historic establishments take care of them selves.

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March 1, 2011

***Estimated cost of response tops \$14 million; snow accumulations were as high as 23 inches***

## **Gov. Nixon requests major disaster declaration for state of Missouri to assist with local and state response to severe snow storm and blizzard**

JEFFERSON CITY - **Gov. Jay Nixon** today requested a major disaster declaration for the state of Missouri from **President Barack Obama**, as a result of the severe winter storm that hit the state on Jan. 31-Feb. 1. The storm deposited up to 23 inches of snow in the state, closed I-70 between St. Louis and Kansas City and I-44 from Springfield to Oklahoma, and saddled local and state governments with costs estimated at more than \$14 million for removal of the record or near-record snowfall.

"The Blizzard of 2011 created dangerous white-out conditions, forced the closure of interstates, and left many of the state's roads impassable for several days," **Gov. Nixon** said. "I am asking the President to issue a major disaster declaration so that communities burdened with the extremely high costs for emergency protective measures and snow removal can recover some of their expenditures."

The Governor's request follows joint damage assessments conducted by local, state and federal officials at the request of 64 counties. The assessments show that from Jan. 31 to Feb. 5, the estimated cost of the response and recovery efforts in those counties exceeded \$14 million.

Gov. Nixon's request for public assistance is for the following counties: Adair, Andrew, Audrain, Barton, Bates, Benton, Boone, Buchanan, Caldwell, Callaway, Camden, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Chariton, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cole, Cooper, Dade, Dallas, DeKalb, Grundy, Henry, Hickory, Howard, Jackson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lafayette, Lewis, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Madison, Maries, Marion, McDonald, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Newton, Osage, Pettis, Pike, Platte, Polk, Pulaski, Putnam, Ralls, Randolph, Ray, St Clair, Saline, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, Sullivan, Vernon and Worth. The Governor's request noted that of these counties, 52 had record or near-record snow accumulations from the storm.

In advance of the historic storm, Gov. Nixon on Jan. 31 declared a state of emergency for all of Missouri. The order activated the Missouri State Emergency Operations Plan, which allowed state agencies to assist local jurisdictions with emergency preparation and response.

The Governor also activated 600 members of the Missouri National Guard on Jan. 31 before the storm hit, so they were deployed around the state to provide help where it was needed most, and directed that emergency generators be pre-positioned around the state. That same day, the Missouri State Highway Patrol positioned four-wheel drive vehicles to maximize response capabilities. Guard members assisted stranded motorists and transported emergency response personnel over snow-packed roads to assist those with life-safety needs across the state for several days.

The impact the storm had on many Missouri counties was so significant that the Governor issued [Executive Order 11-05](#), ordering the Missouri Department of Transportation to assist local jurisdictions with clearing roads so that critical life-safety services could be restored.

During the brunt of the storm on Feb. 1, Gov. Nixon spent several hours at the State Emergency Operations Center to receive continuous updates from state and local emergency response officials.



# Adair County Historical Society, Inc.

*Preserving the Artifacts and Narrations of Adair County*

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Hours: 1-4 p.m. Wed., Thurs., Fri.  
Closed Holidays

Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

Ms. Mari Macomber, City Manager  
Kirksville City Hall  
201 South Franklin Street  
Kirksville, MO 63501

Dear Ms. Macomber,

At its monthly meeting yesterday the Board passed a resolution of thanks for the fine job City departments did in snow removal after the Great Storm of 2011. How quickly trucks and front loaders were mobilized to clear streets and reduce obstacles to motorist vision at intersections! Even the park path along the old railroad right of way was plowed, one of the few safe places to walk in the first few days after the storm.

The Emergency Services demonstrated impressive initiative and leadership in planning to handle this challenge, minimizing the time needed to get the community running again.

Cordially,  
FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Charles C. Frost*

Charles C. Frost, President



# Dates to Remember!

Each fall, more than 6,000 students are welcomed back to Kirksville. Bringing with them a vibrancy that is vital to our community; these students also bring family and friends to town to visit throughout their time in Kirksville. There are many chances throughout the year to interact with current and potential students and to help them feel welcomed by our community. Below are just a few dates from Truman State University and A.T. Still University that may be important to your planning for the next year!

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## Truman State University

### 2011 Dates:

Jan. 22	Prospective Student Visit Event
March 7-11	Spring Break
March 19	Prospective Student Visit Event
April 16	Prospective Student Visit Event
May 7	Commencement
June 3	Summer Orientation Day
June 7	Summer Orientation Day
June 10	Summer Orientation Day
June 14	Summer Orientation Day
June 16	Summer Orientation Day
June 20	Summer Orientation Day
June 24	Summer Orientation Day
June 28	Summer Orientation Day
August 20	Truman Week
Sept. 17	Family Day
Sept. 24	Prospective Student Visit Event
October 8	Homecoming
Nov. 5	Prospective Student Visit Event
Dec. 16	Commencement

## A.T. Still University

### 2011 Dates:

March 31	Still Spirit Awards
May 14	KCOM Graduation
May 28	School of Health Management Graduation
August 20	KCOM White Coat Ceremony
September 30	KCOM Founder's Day & Still-A-Bration



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## THANK YOU

Dear Citizens of Kirksville,

Our community experienced the arrival of approximately 14 inches of snow in blizzard form in early February. We wish to thank the great citizens of Kirksville for complying with the snow removal ordinances by moving cars from the streets along the snow routes and shoveling sidewalks in a timely manner. Your efforts aided in the City's ability to remove the snow from the roadways and in the safety of those residents who were walking to and from various destinations.

As your City Council, we are very proud of the community and the efforts of all our citizens during this time. It is times like this that the Kirksville community can be counted on to come together for the betterment of the City.

Kirksville – Where People Make the Difference

Sincerely,

Mayor Todd Kuhns, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Detweiler, and Council Members Martha Rowe, Carolyn Chrisman, and Tony Fajkus



## STORM WATER DESIGN OPEN HOUSES SCHEDULED

Kirksville residents and property owners are invited to attend one of two upcoming open house events to learn about the proposed design solutions for the areas identified in the Storm Water Substantial Plan Report that was accepted by the City Council last fall. These areas are:

- 1) Floyd Creek (FC-2) Suburban-Monte Carlo
- 2) Steer Creek (SC-2) Lewis & Harrison
- 3) Steer Creek (SC-2) Lincoln & Normal
- 4) Bear Creek (BC-10) Normal Avenue
- 5) Steer Creek (SC-3) Pintail and Gadwell
- 6) Steer Creek (SC-3) Greenway and Canvasback

The open house will take place on two dates to accommodate busy schedules. The events will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Telecommunications Community Resource Center (TCRC), located at 315 S. Franklin St., on Monday, March 14 and Tuesday, March 22. The meetings will give the general public and property owners a chance to visit with the Engineers and City Staff regarding the Engineer's proposed solutions before the final design is completed; and review exhibits prepared by the Engineer. Hope to see you there!

## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON APRIL 5

The Kirksville City Council has two positions that will be filled at the general municipal election on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. The City Clerk's Office had six residents file, but only four met the qualifications for placement on the election ballot. Please exercise your privilege to vote for two of the four candidates: Roger A. Edge, Sr., Jerry Mills, Eddy A. Williams, and Betty L. McLane-Iles.



Each term for City Council is three years. Citizens will have a chance to meet all the candidates at the Candidates Forum, sponsored by the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce, on March 22, 2011.



## KIRKSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES FACEBOOK PAGE

Not a twitter user? Haven't signed up for Nixle yet? Then check us out on Facebook! Many police departments are trying to meet the demand for social networking, and the Kirksville Police Department is no exception. The police department started using Twitter about a year ago and added Nixle shortly thereafter. Notifications are broadcast out to more than 500 users, and the police department would like to see many more people subscribe.

Become a Facebook friend today. Let us know what you would like to see and what you are interested in most on our Facebook page. <http://www.facebook.com/people/Kirksville-Police/100000543636501>

## LIVABLE STREETS TRAINING IS COMING TO KIRKSVILLE

People want to live in a vibrant community filled with opportunity. Part of that package is a city where people can safely get around, whether it's by car, bicycle or foot—this is where the concept of Livable Streets comes in.

A livable street allows all residents to walk, bike or wheel to important destinations, and this will be the main topic of conversation on Tuesday, March 29, when the City of Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department and MU Extension host a Livable Streets Advocacy Training. This event is free and will take place from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Adair County Annex Building, 301 N. Franklin. After the training, there will be a City-sponsored Open House from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to discuss the City of Kirksville's Master Trail Plan and the proposed FLATS Trail.

Livable Streets is a design and planning approach that considers the needs of drivers, as well as the transportation needs of children and families, the disabled, seniors and bicyclists. Across the state, there is growing interest in applying Livable Streets elements to new planning and transportation projects, including those like the Master Trail Plan and the FLATS Trail. To date in Missouri, there are 11 communities that have passed Livable Streets or Complete Streets ordinances or policies. Communities can adopt these non-binding resolutions to help set policy directions and ensure safe access to physical activity for all residents, regardless of ability.

By implementing some of the ideas of Livable Streets, Kirksville residents could see additional health benefits.

Anyone interested in learning how to create a more walkable, bikable and accessible community is welcome to attend the free Livable Streets Advocacy Training. For more information, questions or to RSVP for this event, contact the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department at (660) 627-1485.

### Let us serve you:

Airport	665-5020
Aquatic Center	627 7665
Business Licenses	627-1251
City Manager	627 1225
Codes/Inspections	627-1272
Community Service Dir	627 1224
Economic Development	627-1224
Engineering	627-1272
Fire Department	665-3734
Municipal Court	627-1237
Parks & Recreation	627-1485
Police Department	786-6946
Public Works	627-1291
Water/Sewer Bills	627-1251
Veolia Trash Service	800-778-7652

## UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS SCHEDULED

April 9- Bike Rodeo—Sponsored by Parks and Rec, and the Truman State Exercise Science Dept

April 9- Family Fishing day- 2 p.m., Spur Pond

April 23- Easter Egg Hunt -10 a.m., TSU Quad. Sponsored by Parks and Rec, YMCA and the women of Cardinal Key

April 30- Hershey Track Meet -1 p.m., Stokes Stadium. Sponsored by Parks and Rec and Truman State Exercise Science Dept

May 1- Pitch, Hit and Run -1 p.m., North Park. Sponsored by Parks and Rec and Truman State Exercise Science Dept



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**LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE  
 UNDER COUNCIL POLICY # 2  
 July 2010 - December 2010**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Award Date</u>	<u>Lowest Local</u>	<u>Lowest Non-local</u>	<u>Subject to Local Preference</u>	<u>Local Bid % over Non-local</u>	
Jamison Street Improvement Project	Jul-10	<b>818,157</b>	1,027,775	N/A		
Shirts	Jul-10	<b>1,566</b>	1,557		0.60%	Local Preference
Catering for Fall Musical	Aug-10	<b>960</b>	1,200	N/A		
Rifle Scope	Oct-10	<b>1,210</b>	1,149		5.3%	Local Preference
Unifform Shirts	Nov-10	<b>3,858</b>	3,875	N/A		
2010 John Deere Tractor	Nov-10	<b>12,102</b>	13,800	N/A		
Emergency Culvert Replacement	Nov-10	77,805	<b>55,770</b>		39.5%	
Partitions for Women's Locker Room	Dec-10	2,449	<b>1,658</b>		47.7%	
<u>Office Supply Order-single item over \$50</u>						
Two-Part Paper	4th qtr	<b>89</b>	102	N/A		

**NOTES:**

**Items in bold are awarded bids.**

- Excludes:**
- Sole-source providers**
  - One-bidder contracts**
  - Only local bidders**
  - No local bidders or providers**
  - Single-item purchases less than \$501**

## 2010/2011 Snow & Ice Removal Report

### Snow Plowed

	2009/2010	2010/2011	As of 2/07/11
Labor Hours	1,300.00	1,234.00	
Overtime Hours	875.25	857.50	
Total Labor Cost	\$48,218.17	\$47,370.11	
Material Cost	\$65,332.12	\$26,532.37	
Equipment Cost	\$77,890.00	\$91,501.50	
Miles Plowed	16,908.9	10,303.9	
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$191,440.29</b>	<b>\$165,403.98</b>	

### Ice Control

	2009/2010	2010/2011
Labor Hours	102.50	88.00
Overtime Hours	32.00	20.00
Total Labor Cost	\$2,926.44	\$2,322.38
Material Cost	\$4,102.30	\$2,008.97
Equipment Cost	\$3,510.00	\$3,282.00
Mileage	779	620
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$10,538.74</b>	<b>\$7,613.35</b>

### Snow Hauled

	2009/2010	2010/2011
Labor Hours	215.00	473.25
Overtime Hours	207.25	172.00
Total Labor Cost	\$9,709.90	\$13,315.08
Material Cost	\$1,011.67	
Equipment Cost	\$21,413.50	\$31,801.25
Loads Hauled	706	1698
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$32,135.07</b>	<b>\$45,116.33</b>

Material Handling		
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### Sidewalk Maint.

	2009/2010	2010/2011
Labor Hours		
Overtime Hours		
Total Labor Cost		
Material Cost		
Equipment Cost		
Mileage		
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

### Total Materials Used

	2009/2010	2010/2011
Salt (tons)	824.8	297.5
Geo Melt(Gal)	4,948.8	1,785.0
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$44,992.84</b>	<b>\$25,831.93</b>
Salt Brine (Gal)	600	45600
Salt Brine Cost	<b>\$42.00</b>	<b>\$4,560.00</b>
Sand (tons)		67.82
Sand Cost		<b>\$857.92</b>
Ice Melt Cost		
<b>Grand Total Cost</b>	<b>\$44,992.84</b>	<b>\$31,249.85</b>

### Snow

	2009/2010	2010/2011
Inches	44.5	34
<b>Ice</b>	<b>2009/2010</b>	<b>2010/2011</b>
Inches	0.1	0.1

### Totals All Snow / Ice

	2009/2010	2010/2011
Labor Hours	1,617.50	1,795.25
Overtime Hours	1,114.50	1,049.50
Total Labor Cost	\$60,854.51	\$63,007.57
Material Cost	\$70,446.09	\$28,541.34
Equipment Cost	\$102,813.50	\$126,584.75
Material Handling Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00
Loads Hauled	706.00	1,698.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$234,114.10</b>	<b>\$218,133.66</b>