

KIRKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL **NEWSLETTER . . .**

Mari E. Macomber, City Manager
June 11, 2014

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6/12 & 6/13 – MML Elected Official Training Conference in Columbia

6/12 – MoDOT Regional Open House Mtg., TSU Student Union Bldg. – 4 pm to 7 pm

6/13 – Flag Day

6/14/15 – Katz Klassic Softball Tournament at North Park

6/16 – Council Study Session – 4:30 pm; Council Meeting at City Hall – 6 pm

6/19 – Dash for Disabilities on streets around ATSU

6/19 – Chamber Business After Hours, Community Opportunities – 5 pm to 7 pm

6/19 – Community Band Concert for Children, Ray Klinginsmith Amphitheatre – 7 pm

6/20 – Chamber Ribbon Cutting, Cellular Connection, 2202 ½ N. Baltimore – 12 pm

6/20 – Parks & Rec. Theatre Camp Perform., Ray Klinginsmith Amphitheatre – 5 pm

6/21 – Jaycee Park Neighborhood Block Party & Grand Re-Opening – 6 pm

6/24 – Local Government Day at State Capitol – 10 am to 3:30 pm

6/30 – Work Session with TSU President Paino – 4 pm

7/3 – 7/5 – Red, White and Blue Festival

7/19 – P. C. Mills Park Neighborhood Block Party – Councilmember Russell attending

8/2 – Brashear Park Neighborhood Block Party – Mayor Moritz, Council members Jerry Mills & Rick Steele attending

CITY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Mayor Moritz was invited to participate in the Missouri Municipal League's Municipal Administration and Intergovernmental Relations Policy Committee. He is attending this Committee's meeting in Jefferson City on Wednesday, June 11. Mayor Moritz also gave

the “Welcome” and “Thank You” for the RSVP Luncheon for volunteers at the Moose Lodge on Tuesday, June 10. He was also invited to the Adair County Family YMCA Board of Directors meeting earlier this week. Meanwhile, Councilmember Steele is attending the Elected Officials Training Conference in Jefferson City on Thursday, June 12, and Friday, June 13, offered by the Missouri Municipal League.

Additionally, the Council will meet with Truman State University President Troy Paino on Monday, June 30, for a tour of their campus and to learn more about the new Master Campus Plan.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTIES

The Parks and Recreation Division held the first of this summer’s Neighborhood Block Parties Saturday, June 7, from 6 pm to 8 pm in Memorial Park. The event was well attended, despite the weather earlier in the day. City staff assisted with the event, which included face painting, paper flower making, flower / plant pot planting and painting, and other fun activities. The next Neighborhood Block Party is scheduled for June 21, from 6 pm to 8 pm, at Jaycee Park. This event will also serve as the grand re-opening of Jaycee Park. As a reminder here are the dates for the upcoming Parks and Recreation Division’s Neighborhood Block Parties and which City Council member is attending each: Jaycee Park (Grand Reopening) – June 21 – ; P.C. Mills – July 19 – Bob Russell; Brashear Park – August 2 – Jerry Mills, Glen Moritz, and Rick Steele. Richard Detweiler will attend those that he is able to attend.

HUMANE SOCIETY REQUEST

The Adair County Humane Society recently sent an e-mail message to Chief Hughes. That email addressed current funding issues and a request that the City consider increasing its current level of support (see attachment). We could probably come up with an alternative (Macon would be the closest shelter). However, it would likely not resolve many of the issues addressed above. At the same time it would significantly increase the unavailability of the animal control officer (and police offices in off hours); who would then have to drive a minimum of one hour out-of-town for each shelter transport. The Humane Society appears to do a good job with the limited financial resources they have. The Police Department would ask that City Council review the request from the Humane Society. The Police Department has requested specifics concerning the current unmet funding needs. The Humane Society is working on that request. If the City Council increases funding, I would see it being short term, and associated with a larger effort involving the City and others, to identify further sources of funds. Chief Hughes prepared the following information:

The City of Kirksville, including the Police Department, has a long positive history of collaborating with the Adair County Humane Society. We currently contribute \$27,000 per year to their operation. The services they provide to the City are critical to our level of service delivery and in keeping a lid on the many hazards associated with uncontrolled animals. The Police Department transported in excess of 500 animals to the shelter in 2013. This does not include 185 deceased animals that needed to be disposed of. If the Humane Society were to cease functioning it would have a serious impact on our ability to do our job and keep community safety at current levels. Forget

our current seizure rate (which would go out the window). Without someplace to take unwanted animals, many of those that are currently taken to the local shelter, by community members, would be released in the City/County.

This could easily result in:

- A significant increase in the numbers of animals at large and subsequent increase in requests for police intervention.
- An increase in bite cases to both humans and other animals (under current controls we had 10 reported bite cases in 2013).
- An increase in animal abuse.
- The increase of loose animals (very few spayed or neutered), which would increase the current birth rate of unwanted animals (which is already high).
- Unvaccinated animals increasing incidents of disease.
- Increased seizures at a time when we have no local placement.

STUDY SESSION TOPIC

City staff was given a draft ordinance that would decriminalize certain quantities of marijuana. At least a couple of members of the City Council were approached about this and asked to consider legislation. One of those members asked that all members of the Council be made aware of this and that the Council, as a whole decide whether or not this would be something to discuss and if not that the issue not be brought forward for any further discussion.

ADAIR COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Claudia Minor, Office Manager for the local Disabled American Veterans, sent an email to Mayor Moritz stating that the local garden club, Master Gardeners and the Adair County Veterans Commission would like to establish a Blue Star Memorial at the Veterans Memorial. A Blue Star Memorial is a tribute to honor those men and women who served our country in the military. A Blue Star Memorial must be sponsored by a local garden club. Ms. Minor was asked to prepare a more formal request so that it could be placed on the July 7 agenda, unless the City Council would rather respond sooner.

HOUSE FIRE RESOLUTION UPDATE

Following the discussion in the April 29, 2014 City Council Newsletter regarding an individual who had offered to purchase a home on Teal Street damaged by fire, the Council agreed to release the insurance funds to the property owners, enter into an agreement with the new property owner who would then execute a promissory note while the City would place a deed of trust on the property in the amount of the insurance proceeds. Once the new owner made substantial repairs, the City would release the property. In the meantime, the value of the property would serve as our leverage to obtain the improvements. This process continues, as the new owner has closed on the property after the City released the funds to the property owners and secured a promissory note while placing a deed of trust on the property. The City's actions ensured this home was not a loss and repairs are underway.

HALLIBURTON STREET CLOSURE

The Public Works Department began curb and gutter work on Halliburton Street from Patterson Street to Normal Avenue starting Monday, June 2. The street will be closed to through traffic, one block at a time, starting at Patterson Street and working northward to Normal Avenue. Estimated Construction time is three weeks, and traffic control will be in effect.

MCKINNEY BARK PARK UPDATE AND GROUNDBREAKING

As of today, the Dog Park Committee has raised \$21,233.65 in cash donations. This total does not include material and in-kind labor that has been, or will be, donated to the Committee for the construction of McKinney Bark Park. The actual construction of the park is moving forward. Public Works crews removed trees identified for removal by the Department of Conservation and completed necessary dirt work. Laying the water line will begin Friday, June 13. A groundbreaking ceremony for McKinney Bark Park was held Thursday, June 5, at 6:30 pm at the site of the future McKinney Bark Park (currently Roadside Park). The event was well attended with excellent media coverage.

MODOT REGIONAL OPEN HOUSE MEETING

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and the Northeast Regional Planning Commission will hold an open house meeting in the Student Union Building at Truman State University on June 12, from 4 pm to 7 pm, to ask residents and stakeholders to weigh in on regional and community transportation priorities that will accompany the transportation measure (Amendment 7) on the August ballot. This August, voters will be asked to decide on a ballot measure to temporarily raise the sales tax by $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent with all proceeds going toward transportation improvements statewide. MoDOT estimates the City would receive approximately \$120,000 from the tax.

COLLEGE PARK STORMWATER PROJECT

Willis Brothers Construction, a contractor for the City of Kirksville, will begin work on the storm water and sanitary sewer project in College Park on June 16, 2014, at 7 AM. Construction is expected to continue through approximately September, 2014. The area impacted will be along College Park Drive from Circle Drive to just west of College Park Place. Traffic will be reduced to one lane, with potential street closure for short periods of time to allow for safety precautions.

AIRPORT APRON AND TAXILANE REHABILITATION

MoDOT and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have identified the Regional Airport apron and portions of the taxilanes as needing rehabilitation due to excess cracking and age. This rehabilitation has been identified to receive Federal construction funding in fiscal year 2015. Per MoDOT guidance, the design schedule should be arranged to allow negotiated, ready to award bids by May 1, 2015. To meet the May 1, 2015 deadline the design and bid phases of the project will need to begin in 2014. These phases are estimated by MoDOT to cost \$240,000. Because State funds will be used for the design and bid phases the local match will be 10%.

BALTIMORE STREET SIGNS

Dick Roberts, owner of Lawson Hill Antiques on North Baltimore, has been concerned about people locating his business. He noted that there were no signs stating that the stretch of roadway his business was on was Baltimore. For addressing purposes his shop is on Baltimore. We have asked MoDOT about the possibility of the City posting signs at city streets showing Baltimore. There are no signs from Highway 6 west to the Northern edge of the City limits. Amy Crawford with MoDOT told us she would allow the City to add Baltimore Street signs to all of our street signs along this area.

REGIONAL AIRPORT SELECTED AS 2015 STOP FOR AIR CLASSIC

The Regional Airport has been selected as a stop for the 2015 Air Race Classic. Air Race Classic, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to encouraging and educating current and future women pilots, increasing public awareness of general aviation, demonstrating women's roles in aviation, and preserving and promoting the tradition of pioneering women in aviation through a cross-country air race. The 2014 Air Race Classic will involve approximately 50 planes and 150 pilots, copilots, and crew. The closest stop for this year's race is Iowa City. Airport Director Glenn Balliew may visit the stop in Iowa City to familiarize himself with the event in preparation for the Air Race Classic stop in Kirksville in 2015.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE FESTIVAL

The City, in cooperation with the Department of Tourism and Chamber of Commerce, are again hosting the Red, White and Blue Festival (Kirksville's Fourth of July celebration) July 3 to 5. For details, please see the Schedule of Events attached to this Newsletter.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY

State Senator for Missouri's 18th Senatorial District Brian Munzlinger will host a Local Government Day Tuesday, June 24, from 10 am – 3:30 pm in Jefferson City. Elected officials are invited to attend this event. If members of the City Council wish to attend, City staff can coordinate travel. If you are interested in attending this event, please let Vickie know, no later than June 13. If no one from the City Council is able to attend, a member of City staff will attend to represent the City.

Attachments:

- Red, White and Blue Festival Schedule of Events
- DNR Letters National Register of Historic Places
 - Laughlin House
 - Sojourner's Library
- Request for Support from Adair County Humane Society
- Request to Establish Blue Star Memorial

SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 3rd

Cemetery Theatre- \$5 adults, \$2 children, \$12 for families of 4 or more

5:30-7:30 pm Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery, Sponsored by Curtain Call Theatre and Friends of Forest- Lewellyn Cemetery

Horse drawn carriage rides

6-9 pm. Beginning at, and sponsored by, Brashear House Bed and Breakfast, 1318 East Normal Street. Enjoy a carriage ride around Brashear Park. (rain date July 5th)

Friday, July 4th:

Firecracker 5K Run/1K Walk: Preregistration preferred.

7 am Registration; DuKum Inn

8 am Event Start- Sponsored by The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri

Red White & Blue Parade- Rain or Shine! Preregistration required.

9:30 am Downtown Kirksville

Splash Bash

1-4 pm Kirksville Aquatic Center; \$3.50 admission. Sponsored by Kirksville Parks and Rec. Department

Kirksville Community Band Performance and Veterans Tribute- free

5-6 pm Court house lawn

Pie Auction and Apple Pie Contest

6 pm Courthouse Lawn,

Call 660-665-0020 for more information about pie contest. Sponsored by Victim Support Services

Apple Pie and Ice Cream Sales-\$2

5-7 pm Courthouse Lawn;

Summer on the Square Concert-Free

7 pm Courthouse Lawn,

Fireworks (rain date July 5th)

9:30 pm/Dusk Kirksville Country Club

Parking available at Kirksville R-III Schools, YMCA, Health and Fitness Center, Orscheln's, JC Penney, Goody's and The Crossing Church.

Saturday, July 5th:

Joint Service Club Pancake Breakfast- \$5

7-11 am Downtown Cinema 8 Parking Lot, Sponsored by Kirksville Kiwanis, Kirksville Rotary Club, Thousand Hills Rotary Club, Sojourners, Kirksville Women of Today, Quota International of Kirksville, and Kirksville Optimist Club

Kirksville Kiwanis Farmers Market

7 am-Noon Elson Street Downtown

Hilliest FLATS Ride Ever - For more information visit www.kvflats.org

7:30 -11 am Parking lot south of Wooden Nickel; Sponsored by Forest Lake Area Trail System

To find registration forms, go to www.visitkirksville.com/redwhiteandblue

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June 3, 2014

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200 McClain Hall
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Kirksville, MO 63501

REC'D JUN 6 - 2014

Re: Drs. George and Blanche Laughlin House, 706 Halliburton St., Kirksville, Adair County

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to inform you that the Drs. George and Blanche Laughlin House, 706 Halliburton St., Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on March 11, 2014.

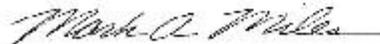
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A copy of the National Register of Historic Places nomination for the district, outlining its historic significance, can be found on our website at <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/shpo/Adair.htm>

Additional information about the National Register of Historic Places program can be found at <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/shpo/national.htm>, or can be obtained by contacting Michelle Diedrich at 573-526-1580, michelle.diedrich@dnr.mo.gov, or by writing the State Historic Preservation Office, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

Sincerely,

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE



Mark A. Miles
Director and Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

c: Mayor Richard Detweiler, City of Kirksville
Mr. Brad Selby, Kirksville Historic Preservation Commission
Mr. Cole Woodcox, Preparer

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Adair County Historical Society
211 South Elson Street
Kirksville, MO 63501

Re: Sojourners Club, 211 South Elson Street, Kirksville, Adair County

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to inform you that the Sojourners Club, 211 South Elson Street, Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on March 11, 2014.

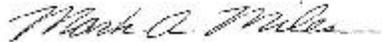
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I am sending this for information purposes pertaining to the serious financial condition of our shelter operation.

As of today our bank balance is about \$2,100. We have about \$4,000 in our back up savings account.

So far this year, we have spent an average of \$4600 a month to keep the shelter doors open. It doesn't take an accountant (which I am not) to see we are in deep trouble and cannot keep in operation much longer. The cost of food, and operations have just put us under. The members and friends have been very generous, but the costs just keep climbing. Our board has some projects coming up which will help, but nothing big enough to make a lasting difference. Our shelter population has been higher this year than ever before and just keeps growing. Some days we take in as many as 15-17 animals and that adds up pretty quickly when you have to find a place for them. Two of our rooms are "loaded" with kittens of all sizes and the pens are all full of dogs of all sizes. Mostly older dogs. Our adoptions are lower than ever before, also. People say they can't afford another mouth to feed.

Jim, I am asking (pleading) for some help. The shelter has been operating for 40 some years and we will try in every way to keep it going. When our money runs out, however, we are just done. We believe we are a great asset to the city and it is my hope and belief the city does not want us to close. We certainly are trying to do everything possible to cut costs, but all animals must be cared for and fed. We really can't do anymore cutting there. Please see if there is any way the city can give us some financial help. A bulk of our income from donations comes at the end of the year and first of the next year. So, donations this time of the year are minimal. Our board has tried very hard not to ask the city to do more than they have been doing, but we have no other alternative at this point. I, and I am sure I can speak for our board, appreciate the financial help we have been given. I hope you will take this under consideration and that you will let me know if you can help.

Sincerely,

Jackie Eaton, Treasurer
Adair County Humane Society

Dear Mayor Moritz,

The Kirksville Garden Club in cooperation with the Adair County Veterans Commission and Kirksville Master Gardeners are wanting to place a Blue Star Memorial in front of the Veterans Memorial on Baltimore. In the circle drive by the sidewalk.

The Adair Veterans Commission will be gathering donations to support the cost of the Blue Star Memorial sign, along with funds for any landscaping and plants/flowers. John Buckwalter is aware of this project. The Adair Veterans Commission includes the DAV, VFW and Am. Legion. Michael Elmore is chairman and has been wanting this memorial for several years. We are finally getting it organized and planned.

The Kirksville Garden Club have approved it and along with the Kirksville Master Gardeners will be designing and caring for the memorial and the landscaping.

We are asking for you to place this on the Kirksville City Council agenda for approval so we can start asking for funds to support Adair County Veterans.

A Blue Star Memorial must be sponsored by a local garden club.

I have some design ideas we have thought about I can print for you to give you an idea of what it would look like.

I can drop them by City hall for your review and to show to other what we are proposing. Unfortunately, my attachment would not go through to you.

The final design will be created by a committee of the Kirksville Garden Club and the Kirksville Master Gardeners.

Information and history of the Blue Star Memorial here:

<http://www.gardenclub.org/1345>

Please let us know your thoughts about this Blue Star Memorial.

Thank you for your consideration,
Claudia Minor

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Thank you,
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