

# KIRKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

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

Mari E. Macomber, City Manager *MEM*

Copies to: City Attorney  
Media

August 28, 2009

### **SUBJECTS:**

DATES TO REMEMBER  
UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS  
HOLIDAY PARTY  
HUMANE SOCIETY THANK YOU  
BATTLE OF KIRKSVILLE  
DREAM/DOWNTOWN UPDATE  
TOURISM WEBSITE  
REQUEST FROM KLIFE  
DISASTER CLOSEOUT  
RECOVERY BOND PROPOSAL  
NEMO TRIATHLON  
ALTERNATE ROUTE 63 UPDATE  
STUDENT WELCOME  
STATE MUSEUM VISIT

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

8/31 – Special City Council Meeting @ 3:30 pm (*tentative*)  
9/1 – LPRC @ 12 pm  
9/1 – ATC @ 12 pm  
9/1 – Governmental Affairs @ 4 pm Adair County Library  
9/1 – KDIC @ 5:30 pm Chamber of Commerce  
9/2 – Historic Preservation Meeting @ 4 pm  
9/7 – Labor Day – City Offices Closed  
9/8 – KREDI @ 4 pm  
9/10 – New Student Welcome Downtown – 5 – 8 pm  
9/11 and 12 – Depot Inn and Suites Airshow  
9/18 – KLI Fundraiser at HyVee - lunchtime  
9/18 – Council Retreat  
9/22 – City Council on Radio @ 9:35 am  
9/24 – TIF @ 3 pm  
9/26 – Forest Lake Shoreline Cleanup – 8 am – 12 pm

## **UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The City Council will be meeting on Friday, September 18 to discuss goals for the 2010 fiscal year, review proposed revenues and proposed capital plans. More details will be sent out closer to that meeting. The next City Council meeting will be September 21.

## **HOLIDAY PARTY**

In years past the City Council has sponsored an end of the year Holiday Party in December to show employee appreciation. The past two years the turnout for the party has dissipated, and there have been several remarks from the employees of dissatisfaction. The party usually entails a sit-down meal, games, and drawings for prizes. Prizes have ranged from camcorders and televisions to gift certificates and cash. This summer we tried to change things up a bit, and wanted to offer different events throughout the year that employees could attend. A fall pancake breakfast has been discussed, as well as an annual meeting in the spring. This summer we offered a barbecue picnic at Rotary Park, however, there was very little interest in the barbecue and it was cancelled due to lack of interest. Below is the approximate number of RSVP's for the last 4 years. There are usually 15-16 employees on duty during the party, and there are approximately 200 employees that are sent invitations.

### **Holiday Party**

2008—YES: 74; NO: 24 (there were approximately 5-7 tables that were empty)

2007—YES: 96; NO: 17 (there were approximately 8-10 tables that were empty)

2006—YES: 95

2005—YES: 81

### **2009 BBQ**

YES: 25; NO: 50; No response, approximately 130

## **HUMANE SOCIETY THANK YOU**

The Adair County Humane Society sent a thank email to the City for the \$5000 contribution made toward a capital project at the shelter. The board decided to replace the very antiquated indoor kennels. The kennels were put in originally when the building was built and have not been updated since. They were raised from a 3 foot kennel to a 7 foot kennels. Staff no longer has to climb in on their hands and knees to scrub walls and work with the unsocial dogs. Another wonderful feature is that there is so much light with the pets. The Humane Society is very proud of their animals and the new kennels give visitors a better view of the animals in the kennels. The manager of the shelter noted that they had an adoption that they believe was directly related to the new kennels. They had a small terrier mix with a birth defect that made her hop when she walked. According to Missy, the dog was very shy and always stayed to the back of the kennel where no one could see her. With the new kennels, she was seen!! She is now with a family and a young girl. The ACHS is so very thankful for the support and would like to invite the Council out to the Shelter to look at the kennels. This would be a good opportunity to get a picture and help promote the shelter. The annual Adair County Humane Society Carnival is scheduled for October 24. They originally scheduled for

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September 12, same day as the air show, so they moved it to the 24<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in McMain's Auction building this year since it is so late in the year.

### **BATTLE OF KIRKSVILLE**

Several years ago, the City was notified that we were on a list to receive a diorama of the Battle of Kirksville for display in town. This project was put on hold when the State started working on the Lewis and Clark anniversary. Melanie Smith made contact Mr. Jim Denny with Missouri State Parks about the diorama for Kirksville. He said that we are still on the list and they are now working on Civil War markers and projects but the "wheels turn very slowly". They have a new DNR director and management staff that are still getting familiar with the work that they do so he thought that might slow down the process. He will keep us posted. In addition to this historic marker, we are in the process of applying for support from the DNR Historic Preservation Division requesting funding to pay for a city-wide historic survey. The survey work that is on the agenda for Monday evening is for the downtown area only. We applied for this grant last year, now as a certified local government, our chances of receiving support are greater.

### **DREAM/DOWNTOWN UPDATE**

Included in your packet is a letter from Linda Martinez, Director of Economic Development with the State of Missouri informing us of our \$100,000 award for the KDIC to employ a manager. According to the DED press release, the downtown manager/executive director will be charged with overseeing renovations and developing funding opportunities; providing strategic management for the promotion of downtown Kirksville; organization of healthy partnerships in downtown Kirksville; developing funding mechanisms and advancing the DREAM Initiative recommendations for continued downtown revitalization; and working with developers, property owners and other entities to rehabilitate and redevelop downtown properties. The City is receiving these funds on behalf of the KDIC. It will be important for the City to have commitment from the KDIC that they will comply with the terms of the grant and that the Downtown Manager will do what is expected of the DED and City. A grant agreement will need to be approved by the Council as the next step in the process. On another note, we issued another building façade loan for improvements to the Edna Campbell building. The canopies were removed from several buildings on the south side of this block with the exception of The Green Door, Gardner Collier Jewelry and House of Jesus. Mr. Collier has asked about the sidewalk replacement program for the downtown. He was given the details and encouraged to talk to all of the property owners along the south side of the square, as we would want to do the project from one corner to the other (both corners in this block are upgraded). We discussed the canopies; the TIF Commission has expressed no interest in doing sidewalk improvements where the canopies remain. The Commission will be discussing this at their September 24 meeting.

### **TOURISM WEBSITE**

Tourism Director, Debi Boughton has launched a new website. Please check this out at [www.visitkirksville.com](http://www.visitkirksville.com) . The Tourism Advisory Committee will be discussing search engine optimization and the new look of the website at our September meeting. The

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lodging tax for the second quarter of 2009 was \$41,775, which is \$2000 more than the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2008.

### **REQUEST FROM KLIFE**

Included in your packet is a request from Pat Foglesong, President of K-Life. Mr. Foglesong asked if K-Life could have concessions at North Park during an event they are planning as a fundraiser for their organization. My response was no, as the operation of concessions is one of the main sources of revenue for our North Park operations. K-Life is requesting the ability to have concessions as part of their fund raising event. They are not asking to use the concession stand. My biggest concern is what criteria will be used for others who may make the same request and its overall impact on our financial operations. We have not had any other request like this in the past.

### **DISASTER CLOSEOUT**

WE have sent in our final paperwork for the ice storm. As a reminder, we have had four natural disasters – ice storm, two floods, and a tornado in the recent past. From the onset of these disasters to their closeout, our staff has done a tremendous job of taking care of the business that was needed. Randy Behrens, Emergency Manager, for the City has taken the responsibility that comes with these situations very seriously, and working professionally with state and federal officials.

### **RECOVERY BOND PROPOSAL**

Included in your packet is our request to the Adair County Commission concerning the use of the Recovery Bonds. The Commissioner approved our request, submitting our application and the application of HIT to the State. We will now need to develop a storm sewer management plan, seek citizen input, and present a plan to the citizens for consideration at the April election.

### **NEMO TRIATHLON**

The NEMO Triathlon is an annual event held every year, and will occur the same weekend as the Depot Inn and Suites Airshow. It is important for the Council to know that we support this event and the ways that we provide support. We provide, deliver and set up bleachers, a trailer and snow fence. We secure the lifeguards that are needed. Haul hay for the event and provide an officer and our police boat, a crew from the Public Works Department and our Community Services staff.

### **ALTERNATE ROUTE 63 UPDATE**

Preston Kramer gave us an update on the project this week. CJ Monya has started the tree removal and land clearing process. They will begin earth moving at the end of September. There is another contractor working on the box culverts that are part of this project. The project is expected to be complete by 2010. The south end of the project is expected to go out for bid in April/May, with an award given in July of next year. The Council has had a property owner request the relocation of the Alternate Route for this first project. The City was very responsible in getting the word out about the proposed funding of this project. The City did not have anything to do with the decision to locate

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the roadway across Lincoln. This decision was made in 1996, when Lincoln was in the County and not part of the City of Kirksville. We did not annex this property in until 2001, well after the route was designed and the property purchased by the State.

### **STUDENT WELCOME**

The Chamber's Retail Merchants Committee is gearing up for the annual New Student Welcome (for ATSU, Truman & MACC students) that will be held on the Adair County Courthouse Lawn on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 8 p.m. Businesses and organizations all over town are invited to set up a table, free of charge, on the lawn and meet and greet all of the students. We will have a table at the event. Council members are invited to attend to meet some of the new students.

### **STATE MUSEUM VISIT**

Kurt Senn, Director of the State Museum in Jeff City has asked to use the City Council Chambers on October 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm to meet with interested individuals about how the State Museum can better serve our community. We will send this information out to the various organizations in town that may have an interest and help the museum promote this event.

### **Attachments**

- Economic Development Sales Tax
- Kirk Tran Ridership
- September Kirksville Connection
- Revised Budget Calendar
- Recovery Zone Letter
- New Kennels at Humane Society
- DED Letter Confirming Grant Award
- DED News Release - KDIC Director Announcement
- Request from K-Life
- Ribbon Cutting

**SALES TAX COLLECTIONS BY FISCAL YEAR**  
**Economic Development 1/2-Cent Sales Tax and Interest**

	<b>FY 08/09</b>		
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance Growth/(Loss)</b>
July	104,981.00	105,049.44	68.44
August	44,616.00	73,875.32	29,259.32
September	166,854.00	134,460.71	(32,393.29)
October	96,342.00	107,711.01	11,369.01
November	51,094.00	68,385.21	17,291.21
December	155,053.00	113,078.49	(41,974.51)
January	86,458.00	100,602.46	14,144.46
February	101,279.00	97,735.44	(3,543.56)
March	115,077.00	122,232.45	7,155.45
April	101,133.00	90,946.94	(10,186.06)
May	65,327.00	70,542.11	5,215.11
June	121,404.00	119,106.87	(2,297.13)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,209,618.00</b>	<b>\$1,203,726.45</b>	<b>(5,891.55)</b>

	<b>FY 09/10</b>		
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance Growth/(Loss)</b>
July	104,495.00	103,701.31	(793.69)
August	58,591.00	70,605.96	12,014.96
September	149,831.00		
October	101,550.00		
November	59,487.00		
December	133,298.00		
January	93,102.00		
February	98,814.00		
March	118,085.00		
April	95,539.00		
May	65,003.00		
June	120,804.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,198,599.00</b>	<b>\$174,307.27</b>	<b>11,221.27</b>

**SALES TAX COLLECTIONS BY FISCAL YEAR**  
**Economic Development 1/2-Cent Sales Tax**

	<b>FY 05/06</b>	<b>FY 06/07</b>	<b>FY 07/08</b>	<b>FY 08/09</b>	<b>FY 09/10</b>	<b>FY 09/10 YTD Growth/-Loss Comparison to</b>			
						<b>08/09</b>	<b>07/08</b>	<b>06/07</b>	<b>05/06</b>
July	91,461.81	105,837.34	103,941.50	105,049.44	103,701.31	-1.28%	-0.23%	-2.02%	13.38%
August	30,428.97	37,320.93	42,598.44	73,007.59	70,605.96	-3.29%	65.75%	89.19%	132.04%
September	152,612.75	153,501.37	165,201.54	134,460.71					
October	106,165.62	102,228.87	95,388.40	107,711.01					
November	64,305.87	33,072.83	50,588.52	68,385.21					
December	121,834.66	152,260.52	153,517.60	113,078.49					
January	89,708.93	95,768.27	85,601.77	100,602.46					
February	43,258.88	88,142.86	98,828.11	97,351.19					
March	154,677.14	123,130.33	113,937.61	122,232.45					
April	97,049.99	100,218.21	100,131.60	90,946.94					
May	20,322.00	35,223.02	64,680.35	70,542.11					
June	158,751.31	154,990.37	120,202.33	119,106.87					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,130,577.93</b>	<b>\$1,181,694.92</b>	<b>\$1,194,617.77</b>	<b>\$1,202,474.47</b>	<b>\$174,307.27</b>	<b>-2.11%</b>	<b>18.95%</b>	<b>21.76%</b>	<b>43.00%</b>

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**Kirk-Tran Units  
July-09**

Day/Date	6AM-6PM(KTA)	KTH (High Hope)	Fixed Route	TOTAL
	Units	Units	Units	Units
Wednesday 07/01	18	12	19	49
Thursday 07/02	20	12	17	49
Friday 07/03				0
Monday 07/06	23	16	17	56
Tuesday 07/07	18	16	13	47
Wednesday 07/08	12	13	9	34
Thursday 07/09	11	14	11	36
Friday 07/10	22	14	12	48
Monday 07/13	21	10	12	43
Tuesday 07/14	7	10	7	24
Wednesday 07/15	16	8	8	32
Thursday 07/16	13	10	23	46
Friday 07/17	19	12	22	53
Monday 07/20	20	14	9	43
Tuesday 07/21	11	14	5	30
Wednesday 07/22	14	14	26	54
Thursday 07/23	18	16	18	52
Friday 07/24	19	16	19	54
Monday 07/27	22	15	12	49
Tuesday 07/28	10	14	16	40
Wednesday 07/29	18	14	5	37
Thursday 07/30	17	14	20	51
Friday 07/31	21	16	18	55
	370	294	318	982

<b>Trip Purposes</b>	
Employment	480
Business	343
Medical	58
Nutrition	61
Shopping	39
Education	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>982</b>

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## SPUR POND RECEIVES NEEDED UPDATES

If you have driven down Osteopathy recently, then you probably noticed the changes that have been occurring at Spur Pond. The most recent renovations to the pond were completed just a few weeks ago and include a paved parking lot, sidewalks and a fully accessible fishing dock. These changes are the final improvements outlined in the Community Assistance Program agreement between the City of Kirkville and the Missouri Department of Conservation.



The Community Assistance Program allows local communities to partner with the Missouri Department of Conservation to develop and manage local lakes and ponds as safe fishing opportunities for everyone. The City and the Department of Conservation have worked together to complete a variety of projects at Spur Pond including the removal of silt and sediment and the annual trout stocking at the pond. The last phase of improvements at Spur Pond meets all ADA guidelines and provides access to fishing for all anglers.



The City of Kirkville and the Missouri Department of Conservation have a similar agreements in place for Hazel Creek Lake, located 3.2 miles north of Kirkville on Highway 63. For more information about Spur Pond or any City Park, please visit [www.kirkvillecity.com](http://www.kirkvillecity.com).

## KIRKVILLE AQUATIC CENTER ANNOUNCES FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE

### DAILY POOL SCHEDULE

#### Arthritis Foundation Aerobics

12pm-1pm Mon-Fri

#### Friends Aerobics

1:30pm-2:30pm Mon, Wed, Fri

#### Swim Team (3 lap lanes reserved)

3:30pm-5pm Mon-Fri

#### Evening Aerobics

5:30pm-6:30pm Mon-Fri

#### Red Cross Swim Lessons

5:30pm-6:15pm Tues & Thurs

#### Parent Child Swim Lessons

5:30pm-6:30pm Mon & Wed



Hours: August 19<sup>th</sup> - May 28<sup>th</sup>

Monday through Friday

Morning Lap Swim: 6am-9am

Monday through Saturday

Open & Lap Swim: 12pm-7pm

All classes are held in the open swim area. Visit [www.kirkvillecity.com](http://www.kirkvillecity.com) for class descriptions and registration information!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 2009 KIRKVILLE REGIONAL AIR FESTIVAL!

The 2009 Depot Inn & Suites Kirkville Regional Air Festival will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. The 2009 festival features an amazing line-up including the United States Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, smoke-trailed aerobatics of Dave Dacy Air Show, wingwalking, radio-controlled airplanes, tandem skydiving, airplane and helicopter rides, static displays of airplanes of all sizes, a car show, STARLAB (a portable planetarium from NASA), a pancake breakfast, food stands, and a Kids' Zone with a bounce room, Velcro wall, and inflatable slide.

Admission to the Air Festival is \$10-20 per car load. For ticket pricing information or to see the complete schedule of events, visit [www.kvairfest.com](http://www.kvairfest.com). Hope to see you there!

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## THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN...

Thanks to those who completed the Kirksville Image Committee's (KIC) Survey ! Check out some of the results!



### What positive changes did you notice in Kirksville during 2008?

Many people responded by naming the 'Jefferson Street Reconstruction Project', 'downtown revitalization', 'new businesses coming to town', 'new lampposts in downtown', 'improvements to Rotary Park', 'the Skate Park', 'the smoke ban', 'an increased spirit of cooperation between merchants and affiliates', new Holiday signage/wreaths', 'road improvements', 'snow removal by Public Works', 'downtown beautification', downtown sidewalks were upgraded', and 'increased communication from City Hall via the revamped website'.

### What concerns do you have about our community?

Responses included 'trashy yards', 'our own negative view of ourselves', 'the divided nature of our community', 'many like to maintain the status quo, while there are those who are trying to make a difference', 'some locals are not very accepting of others that are different', 'not enough opportunity for older children to do things other than sports', 'the buildings on the square need face-lifts', 'Kirksville needs a few Dog Parks', and 'we need proper walk/bike trails to become a healthier community'.

### How could you get involved to make Kirksville a better place to live?

- 38 responded to "Participate in community organizations or committees"
- 40 responded to "Attend community events"
- 25 responded to "Assist at events, i.e. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival"

### Which is the best way to communicate with you?

- 16 responded by "Radio"
- 18 responded by "Direct Mail"
- 16 responded by "TV"
- 16 responded by "Newspaper"
- 21 responded by "City Website"
- 30 responded by "Email"

Thanks to those who gave us your email address! The KIC will be contacting you soon!

### 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
Finance	627-1251
Fire Department	627-3734
Municipal Court	627-1237
Parks & Recreation	627-1485
Police Department	785-6945
Public Works	627-1291
Water/Sewer Bills	627-1251

## FOREST LAKE CLEAN-UP SCHEDULED

The Kirksville Watershed Management Commission is organizing a clean-up event at Forest Lake as part of their ongoing effort to promote the importance of preserving our water sources and educating the public in the role they can play in conservation. All citizens and community groups are encouraged to participate with this important event. To volunteer for the event, please contact city hall at 660-627-1225 or by email at [mmacomber@kirksvillecity.com](mailto:mmacomber@kirksvillecity.com)

**Date: Saturday, September 26, 2009**

**Time: 8 am—Noon**

**Location: Meet at the Thousand Hills State Park Marina**

Kirksville Regional Airport (IRK) Flight Schedule		
Monday—Friday	Depart STL-7:45 AM	Arrive IRK-8:45 AM
Monday—Friday	Depart IRK-9:00 AM	Arrive STL-10:00 AM
Sunday—Friday	Depart STL-4:45 PM	Arrive IRK-5:45 PM
Sunday—Friday	Depart IRK-6:00 PM	Arrive STL-7:00 PM



**Flights to St. Louis starting at \$50.00! Tickets can be purchased on-line at [www.airchoiceone.com](http://www.airchoiceone.com). For more information, about the Kirksville Regional Airport visit [www.kirksvillecity.com](http://www.kirksvillecity.com).**

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# BUDGET CALENDAR (REVISED 8/27/2009)

July 27	Budget schedule distributed to department heads.
August 5	Templates for temporary/overtime payroll projections for current and upcoming year distributed.
August 12	Temporary/overtime payroll requests due to City Manager.
August 31	Budget templates distributed to departments.
September 10	Upcoming year revenue projections and items for Council retreat due.
<b>September 18</b>	Review of following topics at Council retreat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Status of Budget Goals</li><li>• General Fund revenue projections</li><li>• Utility Fund revenue projections</li><li>• Multi-year capital plans-transportation program, utilities, rolling stock; capital improvements, etc.</li><li>• Establish City Council goals for budget year</li></ul>
September 21	Review results of Council retreat with department heads.
<b>September 23</b>	Central Garage budget proposal* due to City Manager.
<b>September 24</b>	City Manager budget review meeting with Central Garage.
<b>October 2</b>	All other Fund/departmental budget proposals* due to City Manager.
October 8-9	City Manager budget review meetings with departments.
October 14-15	Follow-up meetings with departments as necessary.
November 9	Preliminary budget submittal to City Council.
November 16-17	City Council review of budget.
November 30- December 14	Preliminary budget available for public inspection.
December 7	Public hearing on budget and first reading. Adoption of current year amendment ordinance.
December 14	City Council adoption of budget.
January 1	New year begins.
January 31	Budget document distributed.

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Economic & Community Development 660.627.1224

August 20, 2009

Gary Jones, Presiding Commissioner  
County of Adair  
Adair County Courthouse  
106 W. Washington  
Kirksville, MO 63501

Dear Gary:

Thank you for the allowing us the opportunity to present our request to you and the Commission regarding the Recovery Zone Bond allocation. The intent of this letter is to officially request the allocation of the \$2.274 million County of Adair's Recovery Zone Economic Development Bond allotment to the City of Kirksville.

The City would like use of the monies available to improve storm water drainage for Kirksville residents and businesses. With your approval of this allocation, we will start development of this project.

Enclosed is the State of Missouri Recovery Zone Bond Notice of Intent to Issue which is required to be submitted by September 1, 2009 to the Missouri Department of Economic Development along with a further description of the project and usage of the bond proceeds.

Thank you for your assistance in this effort.

Respectfully,

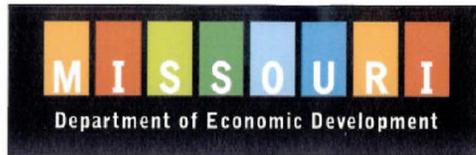
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City Manager

Enclosures



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Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor



Linda M. Martínez  
Director

August 10, 2009

The Honorable Martha Rowe  
Mayor, City of Kirksville  
201 S. Franklin Street  
Kirksville, Missouri 63501

Dear Mayor Rowe:

I am pleased to inform you that your application for funding to hire a downtown manager has been approved by the Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of \$100,000.

We are looking forward to initiating the start of your project and providing the necessary assistance toward its successful completion. We wish you continued success toward improving and enhancing your community.

If you have any questions, please contact Andy Papan, Compliance Manager, at (573) 751-3600.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda M. Martínez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Linda M. Martínez  
Director

LM:LR

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## News Release

For Immediate Release

Release Date: 08-24-09

Contact: John Fougere (573) 522-5058

### **DREAM community Kirksville awarded \$100,000 CDBG to assist with downtown revitalization efforts**

KIRKSVILLE – The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) today announced that the city of Kirksville has been approved for a \$100,000 grant under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program on behalf of the Kirksville Downtown Improvement Committee (KDIC), Inc. The grant will be utilized to assist in the hiring of a downtown manager.

Kirksville is a Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missouri (DREAM) community.

Revitalization of downtown Kirksville is currently in progress due to the recommendations of the Kirksville Downtown Design Guidelines (KDDG) and the DREAM Initiative. KDIC has been charged by DREAM to take a more active role in the revitalization effort.

The KDIC Board is made up of volunteers. In order to take on DREAM and other projects, a full-time KDIC position must be created.

The downtown manager/executive director will be charged with overseeing renovations and developing funding opportunities; providing strategic management for the promotion of downtown Kirksville; organization of healthy partnerships in downtown Kirksville; developing funding mechanisms and advancing the DREAM Initiative recommendations for continued downtown revitalization; and working with developers, property owners and other entities to rehabilitate and redevelop downtown properties.

The CDBG program, administered by the Missouri Department of Economic Development, provides grants and loan funds to cities with a population under 50,000 and counties under 200,000 to assist in a variety of public works and economic development projects.

Through excellence in service, the City of Kirksville will provide responsible and ethical local government.

Kirksville City Council Members-

I am writing you on behalf of Kirksville K-Life to request a variance in your concessions policy at North Park.

As you may know, K-Life is a not for profit community wide youth program, designed to help our youth cope with peer pressure and stay out of trouble. There are over 300 Kirksville youth participating in K-Life. K-Life employees 2 full time staff members that are supported by 4 part time interns, and nearly 70 volunteers from Truman State University.

On September 13<sup>th</sup> (Sunday afternoon) K-Life will be conducting a home run derby fundraising activity at North Park. This event will be open to all ages with age appropriate events for all.

All of the funding for K-Life comes from local contributions and fundraisers and there are a number of individuals and businesses who offer to help. Among others, Hy-Vee has offered to help us with food and food preparation.

This year we are falling short of our fundraising goals, and we are hopeful that this event will bolster our efforts. For this fundraiser to be successful, we need your permission to operate concessions at this event. It is my understanding that there aren't any other scheduled events at North Park that afternoon, and we will not need to use the concession stand.

Thank you for your consideration  
Kirksville K-Life

**A Ribbon Cutting will be held for:**

**United Way of Adair  
County**

***2009 Campaign Kickoff***

**Southeast Corner of the Courthouse Lawn**

**Kirksville, MO 63501**

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**Thursday, October 1, 2009**

**9:00 am**