KIRKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER . . .

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FIRST ANNUAL KDIC KIRKSVILLE CRITERIUM RACE

The Kirksville Downtown Improvement Committee's (KDIC) First Annual Criterium (Crit) Bicycle Race being held Saturday, May 30, from 8 am to 12 pm, with registration in the parking lot at Stokes Stadium at Truman State University. This is the first event of its kind in Kirksville, and the race is registered with USA Cycling. The KDIC is currently working on ways to incentivize the riders and spectators to come to Downtown Kirksville and benefit the economy of the Downtown area.

NEMO INCLUSION PROJECT PLAYGROUND NAME UNVEILING

The Northeast Missouri Inclusion Project is hosting a Name Unveiling event at the future site of their inclusive playground located at the Adair County Family YMCA on Wednesday, June 3, at 10 am. The community is invited to attend. Please see the invitation attached to this Newsletter.

CITIZEN FOLLOWUP

Citizen Avis Jeffers attended the last City Council meeting to express concerns regarding the difficulties that individuals with visual impairments have getting around town. I spoke with Ms. Jeffers and her biggest concern is about traffic, especially the crosswalks on Baltimore. Len Kollars has been asked to visit with MoDOT about these signals. Also Chief Hughes is working to identify someone within his department that could work with Ms. Jeffers and others who are visually impaired.

CITY TREE FARM

Would the City Council like to discuss the possibility of the City establishing its own tree farm? The idea came from Councilmember Biston, who asked how much money we spent on replacement trees and other general questions regarding the health of our city trees and potential disease. Included is an article that talks about urban tree farms, more specifically orchards.

SECOND ANNUAL ART WALK

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce's Merchants Committee, in conjunction with the Kirksville Arts Association and the Missouri and Southern Iowa (MOSI) Art Guild, is sponsoring the Second Annual Art Walk throughout Downtown Kirksville on Friday, June 5, from 4 pm to 6:30 pm. The City will be participating in the event with a tent in front of City Hall featuring City employee Dale VanSickle. VanSickle will be showcasing oil paintings he has completed as well as drawing for those participating in the Art Walk. The Art Walk will conclude prior to the first evening of the year for the Kirksville Arts Association's Summer on the Square concert series, which will begin at 7 pm on the Courthouse Lawn. Please see the flyer for the Second Annual Art Walk attached to this Newsletter.

HEARTLAND RSVP 42ND ANNUAL RECOGNITION BANQUET

The Heartland RSVP will be holding their 42nd Annual Recognition Banquet on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 11 am in the Moose Lodge. Admission is free for all Heartland RSVP volunteers, and all others are asked to pay $9 to attend. There is an international theme for this year's event, and attendees are asked to wear a costume reflecting their ethnic heritage, or simply dress as a culture they like and / or enjoy. Please see an invitation to the Heartland RSVP 42nd Annual Recognition Banquet attached to this Newsletter.If you wish to attend, please contact Vickie Brumbaugh

NMDP ANNUAL MEETING

The City is invited to the Northeast Missouri Development Partnership's (NMDP) Annual Meeting to be held Friday, June 26, in Canton, Missouri. Ralph Martin, Executive Director of the Lewis County Industrial Development Authority, has graciously coordinated the meeting at Saints Avenue Cafe in Canton, Missouri. The meeting will open at 10 am and will conclude by noon followed by a buffet luncheon at the cafe and then a tour of the port in Canton. It should be a great opportunity to network and gain an understanding and appreciation of the port in Canton. If interested in attending, please contact City Clerk Vickie Brumbaugh.

VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL PARTNERSHIP

The City and Adair County Commission is partnering to expand the Veterans Memorial Wall at the Veterans Memorial Plaza located in Rotary Park. The Veterans Memorial Wall was constructed to honor those men and women from Adair County who served in the Armed Forces. The cost of two additional panels will be split between the City and the County. There is no more space to honor WWII veterans. The current estimate for two additional panels is $7,342. Both parties will share equally in the cost.. Please see the letter from the Adair County Commissioners attached to this Newsletter.

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL AT VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Blue Star Memorial, located at Veterans Memorial Plaza in Rotary Park, has been completed and dedicated following a ceremony hosted by the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) this past Memorial Day. The Council approved the placement of the Blue Star Memorial during 2014. Please see information about Blue Star Memorials attached to this Newsletter.

EXPERIENCE KIRKSVILLE INITIATIVE

A committee of the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce is raising funds for a follow-up to 2014's "Shop Kirksville Initiative". The new effort, known as the "Experience Kirksville Initiative", differs from its predecessor in that it takes a more emotional, even psychological, approach to increasing commerce in Kirksville. "Experience Kirksville" markets the enjoyable personal experiences to be had in Kirksville, which, if enjoyed, people may spend funds and thus increase commerce. The City has committed $1,000 towards this effort (the City has previously committed $1,000 to the "Shop Kirksville Initiative" in 2014). If the necessary funds are raised, a series of "Experience Kirksville" television ads should start airing on KTVO in June and run through the end of the year. The City will update the Council as progress is made on this new initiative. Please see the logo for the "Experience Kirksville Initiative" attached to this Newsletter.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Eddy Turner was promoted to the new position of Airport Foreman. We are currently taking applications to fill Eddy's vacated Airport Operator position. Bob Allen, Animal Control Officer is retiring July 10 and Mindy Long, Police Officer has resigned effective June 8. We are currently accepting applications to fill these positions. We could still use a couple of lifeguards and baseball/softball officials. If unemployment is high in Adair County it is certainly not reflected in the number of applications we receive for full-time and seasonal positions. Our tax attorney has completed his review of our deferred compensation plan and has outline the steps needed to terminate the 401a plans with Mass Mutual and Nationwide. We have forwarded termination letters to Mass Mutual and Nationwide and as soon as they respond we will be bringing a Resolutions to the City Council. Senior staff are reviewing ICMA CD based webinars and will be presenting supervisor training on a series of six management topics including:

1. The foundation: Roles of a Supervisor/Supervisory Leadership
2. The HR stuff: Ensuring a Safe, Respectful, Harassment-Free Workplace
3. The Great Communicator: Team Building, Communicating, Leading Change
4. Raising the Bar: Motivating Employees and Customer Service
5. The People Part: Hiring and Onboarding, Fostering Accountability, Evaluating Performance
6. Sharpening Your Focus

Attachments:

- Second Annual Art Walk Flyer
- NEMO Inclusion Project Playground Name Unveiling Invitation
- Heartland RSVP 42nd Annual Recognition Banquet
- Veterans Memorial Wall Letter From The Adair County Commission
- Blue Star Memorial Information
- Experience Kirksville Initiative Logo
- KREDI Letter To The Editor
- Urban Orchards

Save the Date

Paul's Mules
by Clara
Straight

2nd Annual

Art Walk

Friday, June 5th

4:00—6:30pm

Downtown Kirksville

Reception at Kirksville Arts Association
117 S. Franklin

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SHAG WANTS A PLAYGROUND!

You are cordially invited to attend the naming
of the NEMO Inclusion Playground
Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 10am
at the Adair County Family YMCA
A cake reception will follow.
Please RSVP by Friday, May 29th
660-665-1922

May 2015

Senior Adult Services, Inc.

Heartland RSVP News

Volunteers Go Global~

Don't miss this year's 42nd Recognition Banquet:

When: Tuesday, June 9th

Place: Kirksville Moose Lodge

Time: 11:00 am

Theme: Volunteers Make a World of Difference

We are celebrating the difference volunteers make in our world by having an international theme for this year's banquet. As a product of America's melting pot we are asking you to dress in a costume that represents your cultural heritage if possible, or choose any culture you like. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of awards, great food, good company, and fabulous door prizes. **Admission is free for all active RSVP volunteers**. Others are most welcome to attend, however there will be a $9.00 charge to cover the cost of their meal. Tickets for both guests and RSVP Volunteers are required to be picked up in advance at the RSVP office by Thursday, June 4th. Only those volunteers with advance tickets will be eligible for door prizes. For those arriving at the door without a ticket, the admission price will be $9.50.

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May 19, 2015

TO: City of Kirksville
Attn: Mari Macomber

SUBJECT: Veterans Memorial Wall

The Adair County Commission on May 18, 2015, unanimously voted in favor of partnering with the City of Kirksville for the Veterans Memorial Wall expansion effort.

The quote from Moore Monument appears reasonable and an invoice for services provided will prompt the Adair County remittance.

Adair County is proud to honor and recognize our men and women who have so valiantly served us.

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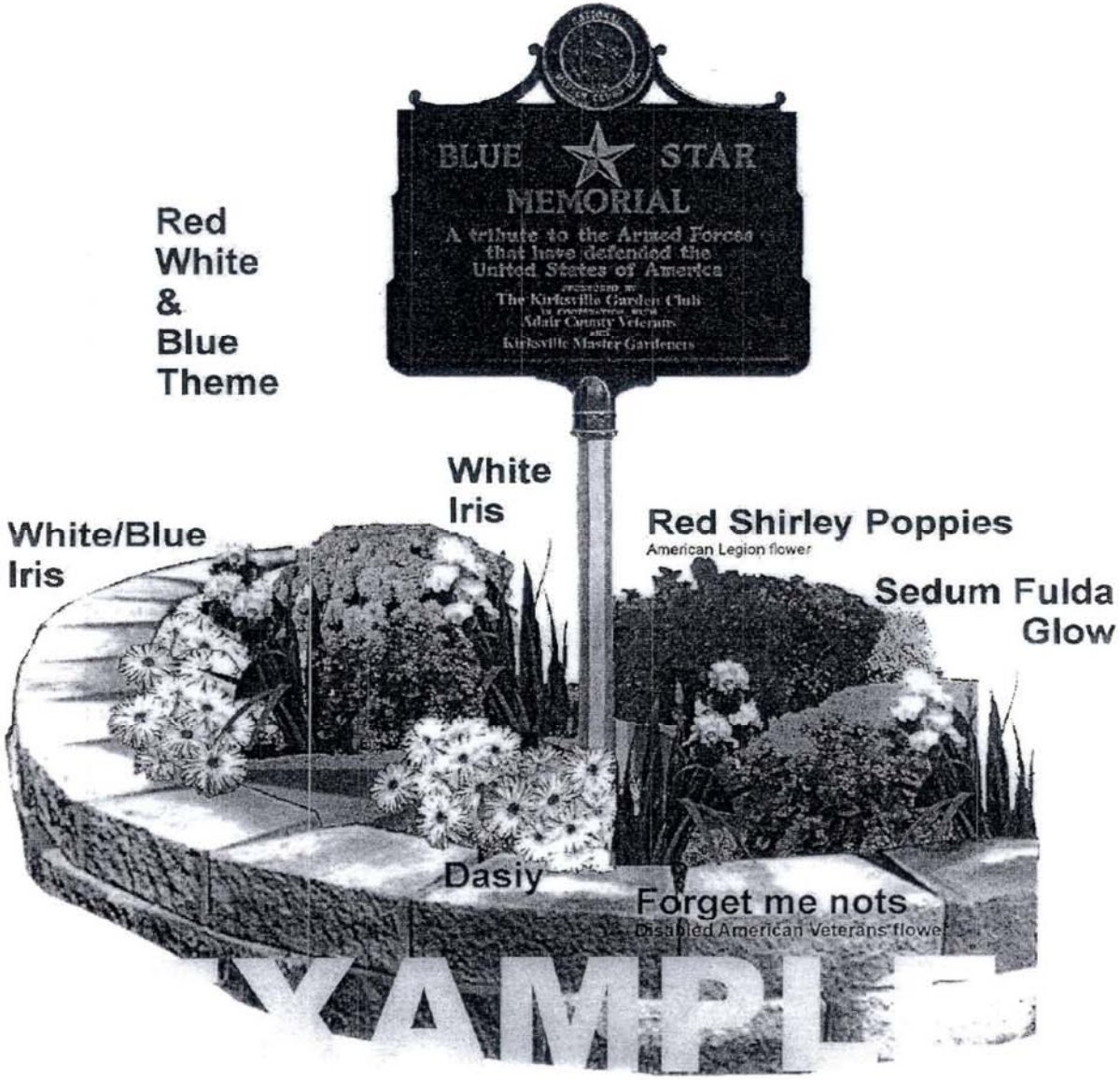
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The Kirksville Garden Club
Adair County Veterans
Kirksville Master Gardeners
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Red Shirley Poppies
American Legion flower
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Disabled American Veterans flower
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Adair County Veterans
AND
Kirksville Master Gardeners

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LINK TO THE PITCH AD: http://youtu.be/Upgi7zbDcqA

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Attend K-REDI town hall

As Executive Director of Kirksville Regional Economic Development, Inc. (K-REDI), I want to invite members of the community to our town hall meeting on Tuesday, May 19th at 5:30pm. We will have refreshments and displays set up in the Commons at William Matthew Middle School. The goal of this town hall is to have a discussion. We want to answer questions the public has, but also to listen and hear their ideas.

Many in the community do not realize that K-REDI is not a new organization. It actually began in the 1980s as NEED (Northeast Economic Development). NEED assisted the City on bringing several industries, such as Wire-Co World Group, to Kirksville. In the 1990s, they assisted in building the MACC campus. It wasn't until 2003 that NEED transitioned to K-REDI. This transition took place because of several plant closings in Kirksville, and the need to have a person working full-time on economic development of our industries.

The vision of K-REDI is to be a sound economic competitor; providing family supporting jobs to the Kirksville region. Our mission is to promote economic development in the Kirksville region through retention/expansion of current industries and attraction of new businesses focused on manufacturing, technology, education and healthcare.

To fulfill this it takes the community. This public-private partnership is made up of more than 70 members including the City, County, Universities, utilities, real estate companies, banks, and small businesses.

So join us on Tuesday to meet the board members, find out what K-REDI has done, and give your input. Economic development is a community-wide activity and we would love to have your support.

— Carolyn Chrisman, K-REDI

To discover the new frontier of urban farming, you'll have to look up — and look sharp — for hanging fruit.

Urban orchards are dropping everything from apples to persimmons to avocados on Seattle, Bloomington, Ind., Boston, Toronto, San Francisco, Los Angeles and other North American cities. Groups like the Portland Fruit Tree Project advocate for public access to existing fruit trees so that people can glean crops that would otherwise go uneaten — an idea some are calling radical. Other groups are more interested in planting new groves of fruit trees on previously fallow city land.

Guerrilla Grafters Bring Forbidden Fruit Back To City Trees

Fruit trees produce food, but also provide shade, keep greenhouse gases out of the atmosphere, improve water quality and may even deter crime. Advocates say they also have a longer lasting impact on communities than vegetable beds.

"When you plant lettuce, you produce food for today, which is great, but when you plant a tree, you're feeding people tomorrow," says Nina Beth Cardin, director of the Baltimore Orchard Project, a program of the Baltimore non-profit Civic Works. The orchard project has planted thousands of apple, serviceberry, pawpaw, fig and pear trees on public and private land around Baltimore. City officials, striving to meet a goal of increasing the city's tree canopy, have been providing starter trees to Cardin's group, which in turn helps churches and schools plant and learn to maintain fruit trees.

In Philadelphia, fruit trees have a special knack for bringing people together, says Phil Forsyth, executive director of Philadelphia Orchard Project. Since a large tree takes up space, communities are more likely to treat it as a public resource, with the crop harvested and shared among many people, Forsyth says.

A morning's berry harvest from West Philadelphia's Ogden Orchard includes raspberries, gooseberries, currants, goumis and mulberries. **Courtesy of Philadelphia Orchard Project hide caption itoggle caption** Courtesy of Philadelphia Orchard Project

Forsyth's organization, founded in 2007, has helped plant nearly 40 orchards in and around Philadelphia and maintains a nursery stocked with small potted figs, cherries, mulberries and more. The organization provides these young trees to groups and individuals who apply for assistance to plant an orchard —and meet some basic criteria. Forsyth says applicants must have spaces with sufficient sunlight and soil, and must also have long-term property leases or ownership of their land.

While fruit orchards have some advantages over other urban agriculture initiatives, they their own disadvantages as well. Trees can be relatively expensive, and tricky to plant. While a packet of seeds sufficient to fill a veggie bed may run a few bucks, a single fruit tree sapling may go for $30 or more.

And, while vegetable gardens can be started by, at minimum, tossing a handful of seeds over the soil, most trees must be started by grafting a branch of a desired variety onto an existing tree, often referred to as rootstock. With grafting, it's possible to grow many varieties of fruit on a single tree.

Commercial nurseries generally handle the relatively technical work of tree propagation and sell trees several years old in small pots. (Figs are an anomaly and may be propagated very easily by rooting small branch cutting in the earth, with no grafting required.)

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Pears ripen on the tree at the Awbury Arboretum Food Forest, one of the 48 sites of the Philadelphia Orchard Project. **Courtesy of Philadelphia Orchard Project hide caption itoggle caption** Courtesy of Philadelphia Orchard Project

Once they are planted and their roots have set in the soil, trees and vines may be relatively self-sufficient and require far less maintenance work than vegetable gardens. However, cold winters can kill

fruit trees — especially those adapted to warm climates. In the Midwest and the Eastern U.S., fig trees, for one, often get bundled up for the winter. An effective method, Forsyth says, is to wrap a thick insulating layer of autumn leaves around the tree with chicken wire.

Such measures are unnecessary in the mild Mediterranean climate of San Francisco, where a garbage dump was cleared and turned into a four-acre farm and orchard in the mid 1990s on the relatively warm, east side of the city, near the Bernal Heights neighborhood. Today, Alemany Farm is largely devoted to artichokes, lettuce and strawberries. But the biggest draw is the fruit trees. Subtropical species, including loquats, figs, pineapple guavas and avocados, thrive on the farm, and the public is welcome to come and pick the fruit.

Alemany also boasts a vineyard of 350 Pinot Noir vines, which Elly Hartshorn planted in 2013 as part of her winemaking project, Neighborhood Vineyards. The San Francisco vines should produce their first crop this year, Hartshorn tells The Salt.

"In a city where I might not have a house of my own, a vineyard is a space where I can establish long-term roots," says Hartshorn.

Of course, the labor required to establish and maintain fruit trees and vines means it's important to ensure that the sites are protected from development. Cardin says her group wants a guarantee that the land will not be built on for at least 20 years before they provide orchard planting assistance.

In San Francisco, a city program that gives tax breaks to landowners who turn their property over to farming ventures requires they do so for at least five years — which Hartshorn notes is not enough time to make a vineyard, or an orchard, worth the effort of planting. Many fruit trees don't bear a substantial crop until they're several years old.

But in the meantime, they may provide habitat for birds and insects and shade for people and animals. Tree roots help thwart erosion, and the trees themselves grow by drawing carbon from the atmosphere, and producing oxygen. Trees' beneficial effects on air quality, and their potential for helping curb climate change, are a reason that city governments are now encouraging landowners to plant them.

Cardin says her hope is that, by planting even a few trees, a community will make the choice to keep that piece of land undeveloped for decades.

"Trees have a true spiritual element," says Cardin. "The act of gardening itself has a spiritual value, but not the lettuce itself. It's the presence of the tree, the constancy of the tree, that's so special."