

KIRKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER . . .

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DATES TO REMEMBER –

**3/13 – LMC meeting at Fire Station at 9:00 a.m.
3/13 – KREDI meeting at 4:00 p.m.
3/14 – Rotary Club CIP Presentation at 12:00 p.m.
3/14 – Executive Session @ 4:30 p.m.
3/14 – Study Session at 5:30 p.m.
3/15 – Ponderosa Club CIP Presentation at 12:00 p.m.
3/21 – City Council Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
3/22 – Candidate Forum at 6:00 p.m. at Shrine Club
3/24 - Spring Expo Event at Fairgrounds from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

CANDIDATES FORUM – The Chamber of Commerce is again holding a Candidates Forum prior to the April election to help inform voters about the candidates as well as ballot issues. The event will be held on Thursday, March 22nd at the Shrine Club. The doors open at 6pm with the candidates having the opportunity to speak at 7pm. The Chamber is allowing the City to have a table that evening to distribute information about our Capital Improvement Sales Tax issue. We have taken advantage of this opportunity in the past, and plan to do so again. If any of you would like to help staff the table, please let me know, otherwise we will have City staff members covering.

SPRING EXPO – The City will have a booth at the Spring Expo to hand out information regarding various departments. We will also be focusing on information to educate the voters on the renewal of the Capital Improvements Sales Tax. A couple of Council members stated that they would be interested in working the booth to answer citizen

questions. The time of the expo will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will also have several pieces of city equipment on hand to show people what equipment could be replaced with the CIP monies.

CITY MANAGER ABSENCE – I will be out of the office Friday afternoon and will be leaving for St. Louis. I will be out of town at least until early Sunday morning. Should you need to reach me, please contact me on my cell phone at 660-341-2539. Also, the City Clerk is out of the office this week at the Missouri City Clerks Institute.

DOCTOR DAY - NRMC would like to invite you to join us for Dr. Day 2007 scheduled for Friday, March 30. We will be hosting a lunch in the physician lounge (located next to the cafeteria) from 11:30 - 1:30.

STATE OF THE DISTRICT - The Governmental Affairs Committee of the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the annual State of the District Address this Friday, March 16, 2007, at 8 a.m. at the Adair County Annex Building at 300 N. Franklin in Kirksville, MO. The State of the District Address is the final "Address" in the Chamber's "The Government in Focus – TGIF" series this spring. Senator Wes Shoemyer and Representative Rebecca McClanahan will provide an update on the current legislative session and points of relevance to the Kirksville area and Adair County residents. Donuts and coffee will be served at 7:30 a.m.

KIRK TRAN – Kirk Tran will be sponsoring a Free Ride Day on March 21st. Please help get the word out to people throughout town that this service is available. Stop locations include Wal-Mart, HyVee, Aldi, Gutensohn Clinic, Downtown, Truman, Ponderosa, NE Fitness Center, and more.

SALES TAX COLLECTION – As a reminder, the City's sales tax for last month was up considerably due to an early payment made by one of our larger retail sales producers. Sales tax, so far this year is up 6.8% for this year compared to last year.

BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS – Included for your information is a letter of resignation from Ken Coy, who served on the Watershed Management Commission. The City Council needs to make appointments to the Highway 63 Transportation Corporation and the Watershed Management Commission. If any member of the City Council has a recommendation, please let me know and I will follow up on it.

AIRPORT UPDATE – Airline numbers for the month of February were down for the Essential Air Service (EAS) numbers with a total passenger count of 227. Additional flights to Chicago yielded an additional 153 passengers. However, the passengers flying to and from Chicago do not count in our EAS numbers. Here is an excerpt from an email I received from our FAA contact, Mike Waters in response to my concern about the numbers. *"First, we generally allow at least 6 months worth of passenger data to accumulate before we "officially" become concerned about low traffic levels. Since the situation at IRK is more unique than most situations where a carrier transition has occurred (because IRK came so close to losing its EAS eligibility), we may decide to wait*

a little longer unless it is obvious that the community has not responded to the new service in any meaningful way.” I have directed Community Services Director Steve Bell to send a letter to MESA noting our concern about the possible impact the Chicago flight is having on our passenger numbers. One issue that may play a factor in all of this is what the FAA allows in Quincy. (See attached article from WGEM) It appears from what has been in the news, that Regions Air is grounded at Quincy. MESA Airlines may be taking over this service. If this change is taking place, we will need to see what affect it might have on our air service as to whether or not passengers flying through to Quincy from Kirksville would be counted in our numbers. Included for your information are passenger and flight numbers for February of 2006 and 2007. There is also information from RAP, which is the Regional Aviation Partners organization the City recently joined and a response from other essential air service communities on proposed changes to the program.

UNITED WAY 211 – The Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) and United Way of Greater St. Louis are committing a total of \$8.5 million to bring the 2-1-1 helpline service to all Missourians. Beginning this summer, the service will roll out in three phases and connect people to needed health and human services and to volunteer opportunities in their communities. United Way of Adair County is working closely with United Way of Greater St. Louis to ensure Northeast Missouri and its residents will have access and quality service once 2-1-1 is implemented in this area. With 24-hour, seven-day-a-week availability, 2-1-1 will provide callers with information about and referrals to health and human services for everyday needs and in time of crisis. Examples of some of the general service areas would include access to the following types of service organizations: basic human needs, physical and mental health resources employment support, support for older adults and people with disabilities, support for children, youth, and families. See attached information on 211 for more information.

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Doctor's Day 2007

Play Ball!

Please join us at the Physician Lounge for an afternoon at the "Ballpark"

Friday, March 30, 2007
11:30—1:30

"Slide in" for ballpark franks, brats, nachos and ice cream

"Knock it out of the park" and win Cardinal

SALES TAX COLLECTIONS BY FISCAL YEAR
One Cent General Sales Tax

	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005	2006	2007
January	187,958.67	179,410.83		185,123.44	201,467.60
February	79,376.94	67,108.84		96,634.04	181,920.03
March	308,888.10	306,530.87		322,180.50	261,636.75
April	154,047.00	176,521.54	195,655.59	214,395.10	
May	56,474.84	65,360.86	59,159.40	42,975.59	
June	267,149.34	301,897.06	308,001.22	332,297.08	
July	183,798.47	186,538.96	190,611.14	219,132.32	
August	73,305.14	70,760.18	66,012.88	84,424.76	
September	236,150.23	301,195.71	311,884.76	313,225.26	
October	248,789.17	193,208.43	219,075.90	212,575.62	
November	77,428.75	63,603.21	129,776.12	71,710.31	
December	286,054.01	309,266.07	253,015.27	309,706.14	
TOTAL	<u>\$2,159,420.66</u>	<u>\$2,221,402.56</u>	<u>\$1,733,192.28</u>	<u>\$2,404,380.16</u>	<u>\$645,024.38</u>

With the March 2007 distribution, year-to-date collections are **6.8%** higher than the amount received for January-March 2006.

January-March 2007 in comparison to January-March of the following fiscal years shown:

FY 2004/2005	+ 16.63%
FY 2003/2004	+ 11.94 %

COY'S BOATWORKS, LLC

March 8, 2007

Mari E. Macomber
City of Kirksville
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Kirksville, MO 63501

Dear Mari,

I had the best intentions to serve on the Watershed Management Commission. Unfortunately, my work schedule has not allowed for me to attend meetings and give the commission the attention it requires.

I am sorry for any inconvenience my absence has caused from the meetings over the last year. I do not see my work load letting up anytime soon so I think it is in the best interest of the Watershed Management Commission for me to resign. Once again I am sorry for any inconvenience and I appreciate the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Kenny Coy

Coy's Boatworks, llc

AIRLINE PASSENGERS

Regions Air – November 05 – February 07

Month	Scheduled Flights	Actual Flights	Deplaned Passengers	Enplaned Passengers	Number of Passengers per Day	Passengers Per Flight
Nov-05	104	102	181	205	12.87	3.78
Dec-05	106	96	127	138	8.55	2.76
Jan-06	104	78	117	116	7.52	2.99
Feb-06	96	88	111	112	7.96	2.53

MESA Air – November 06 – February 07

Month	Scheduled Flights	Actual Flights	Deplaned Passengers	Enplaned Passengers	Number of Passengers per Day	Passenger Per Flight
Nov-06	88	82	145	174	12.76	3.89
Dec-06	100	98	140	208	11.23	3.55
Jan-07	108	96	132	135	8.61	2.78
Feb-07	92	87	112	115	8.11	2.61

February, 2007 – start of Chicago flight. Passengers traveling from KCI to Chicago, from Kirksville to Chicago, Chicago to Kirksville do not count in the Essential Air Service numbers even though the total passengers for the month was up 32 passengers from our highest month so far.

US Airways passengers to Kansas City	115
US Airways passengers from Kansas City	112
Mesa passengers to Chicago	78
Mesa passengers from Chicago	<u>75</u>
Total Passengers for February	380



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Weekly RAP Up

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EAS COMMUNITIES RESPOND "OVERWHELMINGLY" IN "OPPOSITION" TO DOT COMMENTS IN RECENT SENATE HEARING ON EAS

"Communities Disagree with DOT Testimony - Cite Passenger Leakage, Passenger Subsidy Cap Limitations, Program Funding and Distance Elimination Methodology as Major Concerns"

Regional Aviation Partners' staff would like to thank those airport managers, mayors, and city managers representing EAS communities who took time out of their busy schedules to complete our survey. In late December, 2006 thru early January, 2007 RAP sent each EAS community in the lower 48 states a comprehensive survey on the EAS and Airport Improvement programs. Questions contained in the survey were based on comments made by Michael Reynolds, DOT Acting Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs during a September 14, 2006 Senate hearing on EAS. The survey addressed current concerns expressed by our members, failures of the existing EAS program, and proposed solutions to the program's shortcomings, in response to DOT's testimony at that hearing.

RAP received a generous response from EAS stakeholders. 71% or 78 of the 110 current subsidized communities or recently eliminated communities completed the survey. The participation rate is great news as it indicates small communities remain focused and informed on the program and that communities are prepared to take an active role in the FAA Reauthorization process. Community participation also surpassed expectations in light of the busy holiday time period.

SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

In the coming days RAP will provide a complete breakdown of the survey results in our "Members Only" section available at www.regionalaviationpartners.org.

We would note for several of the survey questions that responses received outnumber the total number of survey participants i.e. survey participants provided more than one answer to some of the questions. Here is what you told us:

1) 96% of 78 survey participants stated they were concerned with the continuing loss of EAS carriers who no longer want to participate in the program because of their inability to address increased operating expenses and spiraling fuel costs.

2) 85% of 78 survey participants indicated passenger leakage is a major factor in declining passenger/traffic numbers at their communities.

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(Survey continued from page 1)

3) 80% of the 78 respondents disagreed with DOT and acknowledged that commercial air service was not an entitlement as characterized by the Department.

4) **Distance Elimination Methodology** - 77% of the 78 respondents told us the DOT's current method of determining distance to establish EAS eligibility (shortest route from the center of EAS community to entrance of nearest large or medium hub airport) is not the best way to determine proximity to a hub.

5) **Community Involvement** - 73% of the 78 survey participants **did not** agree with the DOT statement that once subsidized service is established, there is little incentive for active community involvement to ensure successful air service.

6) 59% of 78 respondents **do not** support the \$200 per passenger subsidy cap as an elimination criterion. Of those survey participants who oppose or support the \$200 cap as an elimination criterion:

Once again, RAP would like to thank those who participated in our survey. Your input will be a tremendous help to us as we meet with members of Congress and their staff to advocate for meaningful and beneficial reforms to the EAS program.

The complete survey report will be made available in our "Members Only" section of our website.

On behalf of our staff,

Maurice A. Parker
President/Executive Director

'We Need a Different Carrier'



Regions Air took another hit this weekend, when the FAA grounded its service to nine cities—including Quincy and Burlington.

It's just the latest issue local leaders have with the airline.

Airline officials are apologizing for the disruption of service—but Quincy Mayor John Spring says Regions Air is running out of chances.

"I do think we need a different carrier," said Spring. "Their performance hasn't been up to the standards that we would like to see here."



Regions Air's reputation has even caused concern from Illinois' senior senator.

"I think at this point that the federal government and American Eagle should look for another company," said Dick Durbin. "We need to make sure that we have reliable service in our downstate airports...we want to build the passenger base that will guarantee that service in the future".

Statistics that Durbin provided to Federal Transportation officials indicated that flight cancellation figures for Regions Air in November, December, and January were 15.6%, 27%, and 15.5%, respectively.

Bureau of Transportation statistics indicate that average flight cancellations in the domestic passenger market nationwide in 2006 stood at only 1.71%.

This lack of service is the main factor for Quincy's inability to meet the 10,000 passenger threshold, qualifying Quincy Regional Airport for a \$1 million FAA grant.

"Senator Durbin, along with Congressman LaHood, Senator Obama--particularly Senator Durbin--in letting the FAA and US Department of Transportation know that part of the reason is that emplanements have been down in Quincy because of the poor performance of Regions," said Spring.

"I went down to Dallas two weeks ago, had a face-to-face meeting with the CEO and leadership of American Eagle, to talk about the service and how bad it was," said Durbin. "They're concerned too. They're looking around to see if there are other options.

"I want to make sure that we have seamless service--that if Regions Air leaves for whatever reason, there'll be another airline to follow quickly. I fought so long and hard for this service, we have to do everything in our power to keep it in downstate Illinois."

The flight cancellations come one week after Senator Durbin sent letters to state and local leaders served by Regions, urging the communities to choose another carrier when the current contract expires.

The contract with Quincy Regional expires in July, and Mayor Spring says the Department of Transportation is accepting bids. The requests for proposals are due this Thursday.

The mayor also says they are open to any carrier that can service the area efficiently and effectively.

Updated: March 7, 2007, 8:13 am

Missouri Foundation for Health and United Way Bring 2-1-1 Phone Service to Missouri United Way of Adair County Supports the 2-1-1 Service

Kirksville, MO (February 23, 2007) — The Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) and United Way of Greater St. Louis are committing a total of \$8.5 million to bring the 2-1-1 helpline service to all Missourians. Beginning in summer 2007, the service will roll out in three phases and connect people to needed health and human services and to volunteer opportunities in their communities. United Way of Adair County is working closely with United Way of Greater St. Louis to ensure Northeast Missouri and its residents will have access and quality service once 2-1-1 is implemented in this area.

“We are excited to be a part of 2-1-1,” said Nancy Pennington, Executive Director. “We see this as a way to bring a high quality service to our community that can help our neighbors, friends and families with important basic needs, help in a time of crisis or simply finding a place to volunteer time. I envision 2-1-1 as the number to call.”

With 24-hour, seven-day-a-week availability, 2-1-1 provides callers with information about and referrals to health and human services for everyday needs and in time of crisis. For example, 2-1-1 can offer access to the following types of service organizations:

- *Basic human needs:* food banks, shelters, rent assistance, utility assistance.
- *Physical and mental health resources:* health insurance programs, Medicaid and Medicare, maternal health, Children’s Health Insurance Program, medical information phone lines, crisis intervention services, support groups, counseling, drug and alcohol intervention and rehabilitation.
- *Employment support:* financial assistance, job training, transportation assistance, educational programs.
- *Support for older adults and people with disabilities:* adult day care, Meals on Wheels, respite care, home health care, independent living programs.
- *Support for children, youth, and families:* childcare, after school programs, Head Start, family resource centers, summer camps and recreation programs, mentoring, tutoring, protective services.

MFH has committed \$4.75 million to the project, \$1 million for start-up costs and \$3.75 million over the next five years to support annual operation costs. United Way of Greater St. Louis is providing \$3.75 million over the next five years to support the remaining annual operation costs.

The announcement makes Missouri the 20th U.S. state to have statewide coverage through a 2-1-1 service. A separate 2-1-1 service has been in operation in 16 Missouri counties of the Kansas City metropolitan area for almost a year. Nationally, United Way of America has played a lead role in the implementation of 2-1-1 services across the United

States, with local United Way chapters working with individual partners in their states to implement statewide systems.

“MFH’s support of this essential community service goes hand-in-hand with our mission – to empower Missourians so they can achieve equal access to quality health services. Now, with one call, our state’s residents will be able to access important community resources,” says Dr. James R. Kimmey, MFH’s president and chief executive officer. “In tandem with the existing service in the Kansas City area service, we can now ensure that all of Missouri’s 5.8 million residents can connect to a 2-1-1 service.”

The United Way of Greater St. Louis, which is handling all 2-1-1 administration and operating responsibilities, has filed an application with the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Missouri to authorize the service. Once approved, the PSC will instruct Missouri’s local telephone service providers to cooperate with the 2-1-1 plan, set rates, and switch calls to the 2-1-1 Call Center. Missouri has 38 different telephone companies currently operating.

According to Gary Dollar, president and chief operating officer of the United Way of Greater St. Louis, three implementation phases are planned: Phase 1 is targeted to begin in Summer 2007 with the AT&T service areas, which serve 80 percent of the state population, and includes the St. Louis metropolitan area, Cape Girardeau, Springfield, Poplar Bluff, Hannibal, Joplin and Kirksville. Phase 2, anticipated to start in fall 2007, adds CenturyTel customers and the Columbia, Jefferson City, and Willow Springs areas. Phase 3, due to begin in 2008, adds all remaining telephone companies and state residents. United Way of Adair County has communities that will be activated during all 3 phases of the project.

The 2-1-1 Call Center will be located at the United Way of Greater St. Louis, with data hubs in Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Springfield, and St. Louis, MO. The Call Center is a statewide expansion of the information and referral service United Way already provides for the St. Louis metropolitan area. The data hubs will focus on updating records about the health, health-related and social services to ensure that callers are always receiving current service information.

“We anticipate having a call volume of about 180,000 requests each year, once the system is mature,” says Dollar. “The United Way is about helping people and building a better community for all. 2-1-1 has a proven track record in providing high quality, comprehensive information and referral’ and we’re excited to implement it throughout Missouri with the funding MFH has generously provided. With community partnerships involving local United Ways, we now have the opportunity to expand upon our already extensive database of health and human service agencies and programs in the St. Louis region to include those organizations throughout the state. We look forward to making 2-1-1 access a successful reality for all Missourians.”

Other Missouri United Ways joining 2-1-1 currently include: United Way of Central Missouri, Columbia Area United Way, United Way of the Ozarks, United Way of Southeast Missouri, United Way of the Mark Twain Area, Callaway County United Way, Carthage Area United Way, and United Way of St. Francois County.

2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember number that connects individuals with resources in their community.

- Missouri has about 30,000 nonprofit organizations & scores of government agencies, making finding help confusing and intimidating.
- 2-1-1 call centers are staffed by trained specialists who quickly assess the callers' needs and refer them to the help they seek.
- 2-1-1 is available 24/7, with multilingual capabilities.

2-1-1 enables people to get help or give help.

- Information is available on a broad range of services, including rent assistance, food banks, affordable housing, health resources, child care, after-school programs, elderly care, financial literacy, and job training programs.
- Volunteers and donors also can use 2-1-1 to find out where their service or donations are most needed and appropriate.

2-1-1 benefits the nation.

- A national 2-1-1 system produces cost savings for taxpayers, employers and government, an estimated \$130 million in the first year (*according to a 2004 University of Texas at Austin analysis*). A conservative estimate puts the savings at \$1.1 billion over ten years.
- As of Feb. 1, 2007, 2-1-1 is available to more than 196 million Americans – more than 65% of the U.S. population.
- There are 209 active 2-1-1 systems operating in 41 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Supporting 2-1-1 benefits a community.

- Instead of Missouri residents struggling through a maze of phone numbers and agencies, 2-1-1 becomes the number to call for resources in their community.
- Businesses, nonprofit organizations, and government officials support 2-1-1 as a way to improve the lives of the residents in their communities.

2-1-1 enhances public safety and crisis recovery efforts.

- 2-1-1 gives 9-1-1 operators a place to direct non-emergency calls so they can focus on life-and-death situations.

2-1-1 is a private-public partnership.

- United Way 2-1-1 in Missouri is funded through a \$4.75 million grant by Missouri Foundation for Health for start-up and operational costs, and a \$3.75 million investment from United Way of Greater St. Louis for operational costs.
- Other Missouri United Ways working together on this project include: United Way of Central Missouri, Columbia Area United Way, United Way of the Ozarks, United Way of Southeast Missouri, United Way of Adair County, United Way of the Mark Twain Area, Callaway County United Way, Carthage Area United Way, and United Way of St. Francois County.

Locally: Information and Referral Line

- During the 2006 summer heat wave and power outage in St. Louis and surrounding communities, the Information & Referral line manned by United Way of Greater St. Louis took an estimated 18,500 calls in 11 days assisting people with their basic needs.



No. 5

94th General Assembly
(First Session)

March 9, 2007

VIDEO FRANCHISING S.B. 284 ... (Griesheimer), the state video franchising bill, was voted unanimously "do pass" by the House Utilities Committee and could be debated on the House floor next week. Rep. Jake Zimmerman successfully amended the bill with an MML - supported amendment to required video providers to continue existing support of PEG programs until 2012. As the bill has progressed, we have been able to improve it with amendments. However, the bill still permits the local cable company to nullify its franchise agreement; this is clearly unconstitutional and a lawsuit waiting to happen.

OMNIBUS LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL S.B. 22 ... (Griesheimer) is a massive local government bill dealing with dozens of statutes. This week the bill was debated on the Senate floor and the following amendments were added:

- 1) Firefighters must show that cancer was not caused by tobacco use, before it is assumed cancer was duty caused for retirement purposes. Please thank Senator Crowell for this amendment.
- 2) Deletes authority for fire districts in St. Charles and St. Louis Counties to levy a sales tax. Please thank Senator Gross for this amendment.
- 3) Adds \$40 million in state bonds for local water, sewer, and storm water projects. Please thank Senator Days for this amendment.
- 4) In fourth class cities, the mayor's term of office is two years, unless the board, by ordinance, allows a three or four year term.

TELECOM TAXES ... Many legislators have indicated to us that they will oppose H.J.R. 21 (Cooper) because of the many contacts from municipal officials in response to last week's *Legislative Alert*. However, H.B. 165 (Cooper) is now 26 bills down on the House debate calendar. This bill:

- 1) prohibits cities from filing class action lawsuits against telecom companies;
- 2) dismisses all lawsuits against landline and wireless telecom companies for back taxes (nine years worth, plus interest, and penalties) for the payment of a mere three months taxes (and no penalties or interest);
- 3) the Department of Revenue would be authorized to "adjust" city gross receipts tax rates,
- 4) all telecom companies, including wireless companies, will pay the tax quarterly at reduced rates;
- 5) the Department of Revenue will collect the tax and retain a collection fee; and
- 6) all protested taxes would be returned to the company and credited to the customers if they are still customers of the company (otherwise the company may keep the protested taxes).

The bill in its present form is vigorously opposed by the MML, but we are working on a

compromise version with a small group of city and telecom attorneys. We should know within two weeks if we have a compromise or a major conflict with the telecoms.

S.B. 107 ... (Wilson) strengthens the penalty for the delivery of a controlled substance within 2,000 feet of a municipal park. The bill was passed by the Senate on a 32-2 vote. The penalty for conviction would be a Class A Felony.

Other Bills of Municipal Interest

Prohibits Municipalities From Providing Internet Services S.B. 1020 ... (Krause)

Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Act S.B. 576 ... (Bray)

Public Employee Collective Bargaining S.B. 607 ... (Smith)

Public Employee Collective Bargaining S.B. 641 ... (Bray)

TIF Plan, Project or Area Amendments Need 2/3 Approval by the Governing Body of the Municipality When Objected to by the TIF Commission. SB 684 ... (Koster)

TIF Prohibited When 75% or More of the Square Footage In Redevelopment Plan is Residential. SB 682 ... (Koster)

KIRKSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

March 09, 2007

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POLICE DEPARTMENT ISSUES WEATHER SAFETY REMINDERS

The 2007 statewide severe weather exercise is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, at approximately 1:30 p.m. As a participant in this effort, the City of Kirksville, and the E-911 Joint Communications Center, will sound the outdoor warning sirens, weather permitting. The sirens will be tested each month thereafter, through September (at 10:00 a.m. on the last Friday of each month).

(Kirksville, MO) - In addition, the Kirksville Police Department has issued some weather safety tips and reminders about being prepared for severe weather. According to Chief Jim Hughes, this is particularly important since we are entering severe storm season and Kirksville is located in tornado alley.

“The key to being safe,” said Chief Hughes, “is personal responsibility. It’s very important for everyone to realize that Kirksville’s emergency sirens have limitations.” He noted, for instance, that the sirens do not cover all areas inside the city limits, that citizens who are indoors with fans or air conditioners running may not be able to hear the sirens, and that the sirens do occasionally malfunction. In addition, he notes that severe storms can develop so quickly that there is not sufficient time for the National Weather Service to issue proper warnings. “It’s simply not a good idea to rely only on the storm sirens to receive emergency warnings,” he said.

Chief Hughes suggests that citizens rely on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), or local radio and television stations to receive their immediate emergency information. As a result, Adair County residents may want to consider purchasing a special NOAA Weather Radio, to stay current on all area weather systems. The National Weather Service broadcasts on two frequencies available in Adair County. Broadcasts may be monitored constantly or the receiver can be set in alert mode, to receive information only during severe weather. NOAA weather receivers generally start at around \$40-\$45 and may be purchased locally from most retail stores that sell electronic equipment.

CERT CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT

March 8, 2007

There are now openings in the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program starting March 29th, 2007 to be held at the Kirksville Fire Department. There is no fee for the class.

This program is targeted toward the public who are interested in becoming knowledgeable in disaster preparedness readiness to work alongside the emergency services of our community should a natural or terrorist incident occur.

This training targets two levels as follows:

Level 1: Those wanting to take the class for their own personal response/use only.

Level 2: Those wanting the personal information response and to assist in the community.

The class will be held Thursday nights starting March 29th, 2007, from 6:30-10 p.m. for 8 weeks (ending May 17th) at the Kirksville Fire Department.

Signup information and questions should be directed to Marc Jefferson (660-665-3734) at the Kirksville Fire Department by March 22nd, 2007. Must attend 8 weeks to complete course.



**LPRC Activity Report
March 2007**

Spring and Summer 2007 Programs:

Aquatics Programs

American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim

Tentative Dates:

Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 7-7:45pm

Level IPAP, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Guard Start

MWF 1- June 11th -June 22nd

MWF 2- June 25th – July 7th (Saturday lesson for holiday)

MWF 3- July 9th –July 20th

MWF 4- July 23rd – August 3rd

MWF 5- August 6th – August 17th

Tuesday & Thursday 7-7:45pm

Level IPAP, 1, 2, 3, 4,

TH 1- June 12th – June 28th

TH 2- July 3rd – July 19th

TH 3- July 24th – August 9th

Fees are \$36 for non pass holders and \$28 for pass holders.

Parent/Child Swim Lessons

Beginner-5:30pm-6:00pm every Tuesday and Thursday.

Pre-requisite: child is familiar with water. Ages 8months-3 yr.

Advanced-5:30-6:00pm every Monday and Wednesday

Pre-Requisite: Child is extremely comfortable in water and can go under water without assistance. Ages 1yr-4yr.

Session 1- June 12th – June 28th

Session 2- July 3rd – July 19th

Session 3- July 24th – August 9th

Ferdinand's Play Group

Tentatively- Tuesdays 10am-11:30am

One morning a week the outdoor pool will be open for an hour and a half for small children and their parents to enjoy a guided play group. This will give small children and parents a chance to socialize and play in the pool.

Aquatic Center Open House

Tentative Date: June 5th 7pm

This evening is an opportunity for the community to come and see what the pool is about. There will be different interactive and very informative booths on different aspects of the pool such as: water and weather issues, pool rules, facts about chemicals, and the role of the lifeguard and parent. The evening will also include information on general at home and in the pool water safety as well as summer programs.

Baby Weight Aerobics

Class time will shift to Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00-4:45 once the outdoor pool opens. Parents bring in children ages 4 months-24 months for a fun workout with Baby.

Kickboxing

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 5:30pm

Pilates

Tuesday and Thursday 5:30pm

Deep H2O

Tuesday and Thursday 7:00pm

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class

Monday-Friday 10:15am

Friends Aerobics

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 11:45am

Splash Bash!

4th of July 1-4pm

The Aquatic Center's 4th of July celebration! Lots of fun games and prizes.

Lifeguard, Waterpark Lifeguarding, CPR/AED, and First Aid Classes

Various times and sessions

Recreation:

Amphitheatre Events

3rd Annual Children's Theatre Camp

Camp Dates- June 26th – Aug 3rd.

The camp will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00-3:00. The length of camp has been extended so the kids can have more of an opportunity to experience all aspects of theatre such as set building, costuming and makeup. In the past, the 4 week session only allowed for rehearsals for the show.

Broadway in the Park

Tentative dates- Auditions June 28th, Performance July 28th

Auditions will be held for anyone in the community ages 16 and older who would like to participate in a medley of Broadway songs. There would be some solo performances, duets, and of course big chorus numbers. Rehearsals would be held in the evening down at the amphitheatre. The final performance will be held in the amphitheatre, with light refreshments prior to the performance. Admission to the Broadway in the Park Show would be less than \$5.00 to cover staff expense to lead the rehearsals.

Kirksville Idol

Kirksville Idol would be a knock off of American Idol. Starting at the end of June we would have preliminary auditions where the participants come with a 30 sec audition song. We would have select people to be our judges to narrow it down to 10 people, 5 females and 5 males. Idol would be every Wednesday at 7:00 down at the Amphitheatre.

June 6th-preliminary: 7:00pm-10 people advance

June 13th-Round 1: 7:00pm-8 people advance

June 20th-Round 2: 7:00pm-6 people advance

June 27th-Round 3: 7:00-4 people advance

June 30th Final Round: 2 winners picked, one female and one male.

For prizes we could ask local businesses to donate to the competition and see if KTVO would come and do "back stories" on our contestants.

Other Events

Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Cosponsored by the women of Cardinal Key. Saturday April 7th at 10am on the Truman State Quad

3 on 3 Mini Soccer Tournament

Cosponsored by Truman State University Exercise Science Department. Saturday April 12th at 5pm at Pershing Arena.

Backyard Bash

Cosponsored by Truman State University Exercise Science Department. Saturday April 21st at 1pm at P.C. Mills Park.

Pepsi Hit, Pitch and Run

Cosponsored by Truman State University Exercise Science Department. Saturday April 22nd at 2pm at North Park.

Family Nature Day

Cosponsored by Truman State University Exercise Science Department.
Saturday April 22nd at 1pm at Thousand Hills State Park.

Hershey Track and Field Meet

Cosponsored by Truman State University Exercise Science Department.
Saturday April 28th at 1pm at Stokes Stadium.

North Park:

KBSA sign up starts March 10th. Staff has been hired for the season. First game on Black Field will be the 29th of March.

Rotary Park:

There will be a meeting with committee developing the disk golf course on the 13th of March in the park.

AQUATIC CENTER	
Totals	
Date	February 2007
Daily Admissions	\$1,381.50
Pool Passes Sold	\$1,840.00
Swim Lessons	\$504.00
Swim Lessons/Pass	\$140.00
Private Pool Rental	\$0.00
Merchandise	\$51.50
Concessions	\$38.25
Monthly Revenues	\$3,955.25
(Year to Date Revenues)	\$11,356.00
People at Facility (Feb)	1,533
(Year to Date Attendance)	3,152

AQUATIC CENTER	
Totals	
Date	February 2006
Daily Admissions	\$1,450.50
Pool Passes Sold	\$2,080.00
Swim Lessons	\$336.00
Swim Lessons/Pass	\$72.00
Private Pool Rental	\$0.00
Merchandise	\$5.50
Concessions	\$0.00
Monthly Revenues	\$3,944.00
(Year to Date Revenues)	\$8,616.00
People at Facility (Feb)	1,557
(Year to Date Attendance)	3,049

NORTH PARK	
Date	February 2007
KBSA	
KATZ	
Adult	
Youth Fall Ball	
Adult Fall Ball	
Monthly Activity Fees	\$50.00
(Year to date)	\$50.00
Concessions	\$0.00
(Year to date)	
Contractual Fees	\$4,000.00
(Year to Date Revenues)	\$4,050.00

NORTH PARK	
Date	February 2006
KBSA	
KATZ	
Adult	
Youth Fall Ball	
Adult Fall Ball	
Monthly Activity Fees	\$65.00
(Year to date)	\$105.00
Concessions	\$0.00
(Year to date)	
Contractual Fees	\$4,000.00
(Year to Date Revenues)	\$4,105.00

RECREATION	
Date	February 2007
Shelter Rental	\$170.00
Hershey Track Meet Participants	\$0.00
Tennis Participants	\$0.00
Theater Participants	\$0.00
Dances	\$0.00
Monthly Revenues	\$60.00
(Year to Date Revenues)	\$170.00

RECREATION	
Date	February 2006
Shelter Rental	\$260.00
Hershey Track Meet Participants	\$0.00
Tennis Participants	\$0.00
Theater Participants	\$0.00
Dances	\$0.00
Monthly Revenues	\$100.00
(Year to Date Revenues)	\$260.00



Capital Improvements Sales Tax

WHAT IS THE ADDITIONAL COST TO TAXPAYERS?

NOTHING. THE CITY OF KIRKSVILLE has had a Capital Improvements Sales Tax since October 1, 1992, when voters supported the measure and it was in effect for five years. The community showed its support, and voters have renewed it twice. After 15 years, this tax is set to expire on September 30, 2007, if it is not renewed again by the voters.

Remember to vote April 3!
If you have questions about your polling place, please contact:
County Clerk's Office
(660) 665-3350

CONTINUING TO ENHANCE OUR COMMUNITY

THIS QUARTER CENT SALES TAX generates an annual revenue of \$600,000. The funds are used for capital improvements such as building maintenance, purchasing fire trucks and police cars.

The allocation of the funds will depend upon the priority of the Council, demand, and readiness of projects.



WHERE WILL FUTURE SALES TAX REVENUE BE USED?

- Purchase a fire ladder truck and other fire equipment
- Purchase of capital equipment (police cars, snow plows, street equipment, etc.)
- Storm drainage improvements
- Sidewalk replacement
- Housing demolition and rehab through a loan program
- Maintenance of City buildings
- Improvements at the City's existing parks

