

KIRKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER . . .

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DATES TO REMEMBER –

**4/23 – DED Arts Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. Kirksville Arts Association Bldg.
4/24 – Study Session @ 5:30 p.m.
4/26 – Meeting with MML Stuart Haynes @ 2:00 p.m. 2nd FI Conference Room
4/30 – Dream Initiative 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at TCRC
5/1 – Dream Initiative Continues 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
5/1 – Governmental Affairs @ 7:30 a.m.
5/1 – ATC @ 12:00 p.m. in Council Chambers
5/1 – LPRC @ 12:00 p.m. in 2nd Floor Conference Room
5/1 – City Council Meeting**

NEW COUNCIL ORIENTATION – I want to thank Tom and Aaron for participating in the City tours earlier in the month. The purpose of the tours is to give new City Council members a general idea of the operations and to meet the senior managers working for the City.

PACKET DELIVERY – At this point, City Council packets will be distributed via email as requested by City Council members. We will send a printed packet to Council Member Rowe.

NEWSLETTER – Newsletters are distributed at the same time as Study Session packets. Information contained in these documents is intended to inform or update City Council members. The Newsletter is the last discussion item for each Study Session.

COUNCIL MEETINGS – City Council meetings will be on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Study Sessions will be on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. There will be no meetings on any fifth Tuesday of the month.

STUDY SESSION AGENDA ITEMS – In the Fall, the City Council spends time outlining goals and priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. The City Council also identifies issues which they would like to discuss in future Study Sessions. For the most part, the Study Session agendas are developed by the City Manager based upon the priorities of the City Council, day-to-day operational needs, and external factors. From time to time, issues come forward from individual members of the City Council. I have been asked to bring two items forward for Study Session. The first is an update and comprehensive review of the Homeland Security Program. The second is a review of the recently approved Ordinance prohibiting smoking in certain public places.

QUESTIONS – From time to time, City Council members will inquire about a specific topic. When these questions come up, I will try to provide a response in the Newsletter. This is done, because many times the information is found useful to other Council Members. For example, I was recently asked about landscaping requirements. The City Council initially wanted to review landscaping requirements at the same time as business sign restrictions. The City Council determined that it would delay any discussions regarding landscaping and focus on developing a sign code. Our current code requires landscaping for new business or a change to the planned zoning with a site that requires buffering for noise or other reason. Our code does not require landscaping as a means to beautify the site. If this is something the City Council would like to discuss further, let me know. Also a question concerning the City's vehicle replacement policy came up. I have included a copy of the City Council Policy as an attachment.

WATERSHED COMMISSION UPDATE – The Watershed Commission is moving forward with their work. The Commission is planning a public meeting at 1000 Hills State Park and will be focusing on Forest Lake. The date of the meeting has been tentatively set for June 26 which is the same date as a regular City Council Study Session. The Commission is hoping that the City Council will attend this event. The Commission will be inviting citizens and stakeholders within the watershed. The tentative agenda will include

a summary report of the Source Water Protection Plan, a review of the use and concerns with Forest Lake, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources would discuss the use and concerns for the Park. The Commission is also hoping to have either DNR or someone from the Adair County Health Department to discuss the impact of on site sewage disposal systems on the watershed. There would be an opportunity for attendees to ask question and provide input.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION – The City Clerk’s office received the County Clerk’s Certification of Election results on Tuesday, April 10. There were no changes in the total preliminary count of votes reported and approved by the City Council on April 4.

RAILROAD OVERPASS – You may have noticed that the railroad overpass that goes across Potter has been cleaned. This structure has been a target for graffiti. We are looking at ideas that may help to deter individuals from painting this structure.

SPUR POND – The Missouri Department of Conservation has stocked Spur Pond with 2 – 4 inch long fingerlings catfish and bluegill and will add large mouth bass in June. The fish will take two to three years for the fish population to develop. Conservation is asking that anglers voluntarily release all bass caught for the first couple of years. The Missouri Department of Conservation manages Spur Pond in cooperation with the City of Kirksville. Final improvements will be made to the pond this summer season with the addition of a fishing dock and the construction of a parking lot.

HIGHWAY 63 OVERPASS – Former Mayor Rowe had spoke to District Two Engineer Dan Niec on about establishing a crossing using one of the storm drainage tubes under Highway 63 to allow access to Rotary Park. Mr. Niec suggested constructing a pedestrian bridge. Mr. Niec went further to suggest that the City apply for a grant to help complete this project. Though the idea sounds great, it is far from practical or affordable, even with grant funds. Because of my concern, a meeting was held in Macon with the District Engineer to discuss the bridge. As a result of this conversation, Mr. Niec stated that he had found that other communities had been allowed to use storm drainage tubes as pedestrian trail ways. He encouraged the City to apply for a trail enhancement grant that would complete that portion of sidewalk along Highway 63 from Illinois to New Street and include a trail under Highway 63. We further discussed the request made by the Library and Kirksville Housing Authority to extend sidewalks along Cottonwood. This will also be included. In reference to the letter received by former District Engineer Mike Bruemmer, which stated that MoDOT would not allow the use of the drainage tube, Mr. Niec stated that we could throw that letter away, as he would work with us to resolve access.

FARMERS MARKET – Farmers Market will be starting up soon. As a reminder, the City Council approved the closure of Elson Street between Harrison and Washington Streets. I have received a request from one of the business owners who operates a restaurant south of Washington Street. Dan Vogt with the Wooden Nickel is asking that the City Council locate the Farmers Market in a parking lot. Mr. Vogt has stated that the timing of the street closure negatively affects his business on Saturdays during the lunch hour.

PHYSICAL FITNESS – As part of the labor agreement between the City and the International Association of Firefighters, a physical fitness committee was established. This committee consisted of two persons being appointed by the Fire Chief and two firefighters appointed by the union president. The Committee was chaired by the City’s Risk Coordinator. The established purpose of the physical fitness committee purpose was to establish a *non-mandatory program of fitness and well being for department personnel in order to maintain a minimum amount of fitness and agility to do their jobs. After reviewing all options the committee recommended entering into an agreement with the Health and Fitness Center.* The cost of the program for the City is \$900 annually with the employees paying a monthly fee to the Center. Fire personnel on duty will be allowed to use the facility during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m. in the evening if unable to do so in the morning. During inclement weather the fire trucks will not be used to attend the Center. The program will be evaluated at the end of one year to determine both the economic and participant viability.

AIR SERVICE – The tentative schedule for MESA Airlines beginning May 7 will be as follows:

Kansas City

Days	Departs	Time	Arrives
M – Sat	KCI	8:00 a.m.	Kirksville
Mon – Sat	Kirksville	8:50 a.m.	KCI
Sun – Fri	KCI	5:20 p.m.	Kirksville
Sun – Fri	Kirksville	7:40 p.m.	KCI

Chicago

Days	Departs	Time	Arrives
Sun – Fri	Kirksville	6:10 p.m.	Chicago Midway
Sun – Fri	Chicago Midway	5:35 p.m.	Kirksville

TRAVELER’S HOTEL – The City received word that Carlson Gardner Inc. out of Springfield, Missouri has purchased the Traveler’s Hotel. They have had conversations in the past with City staff about purchasing a building in Kirksville that they could do a historic remodel on. They looked at the Traveler’s prior to Mr. Keene purchasing the building and then were interested again when it became available. Using Section 42 housing tax credits, coupled with Historic Tax Credits, the company typically restores historic buildings into living units with some common living areas. They have several examples of renovations they have done around the state on their website <http://www.carlsongardner.com/videos.htm>. They are currently working a project in Hannibal. Company representatives are planning a trip to Kirksville in the next few months to meet with the City to discuss future plans.

DREAM INITIATIVE – The Missouri Department of Economic Development will be hosting a two-day event in Kirksville as part of the Governor’s Dream Initiative. More information concerning the schedule is attached to this Newsletter. The focus for this seminar will be downtown visioning. It will be held on April 30 and May 1 at the TCRC.

STRATEGIC PLANNING/COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT – Our local United Way conducted a survey asking people to provide them five problems or issues facing the community. I shared information with the Executive Director about the Strategic Planning Process that was implemented in the early 1990s through a partnership between the City and the Chamber of Commerce. The United Way Board is interested in possibly working on a more formal community assessment and partnering with the City, County, Chamber and others. This is very preliminary and is currently an idea. There has been no effort being made to update or implement the Community Strategic Plan. At a minimum we need to dust this off and evaluate whether or not it should be a priority of the City. The Community Strategic Plan was a document that addressed a number of community needs, it was not focused on the work and responsibilities of the City. The City has its own Comprehensive Plan, which is currently being updated and will be brought back to the City Council for a status report in May.

K-REDI – The K-REDI Board met on April 10, 2007. The Board received a report on the plans for 2007 Industry Appreciation. We will again be honoring the local industries in the 4th of July parade, purchase NEMO Fair Passes for industry employees, and we will also be distributing free tickets to a Truman State University football game in September that will be 'Industry Appreciation Day'. Debi Boughton reported that she has drafted a thank you letter that will be signed by the K-REDI president and mailed to new members when they join. A summary of the ideas generated at the K-REDI Annual Meeting was distributed and Phil, Debi, and Mari will meet to see what ideas might be implemented this year. A discussion was held about property that has become available adjacent to an existing industry and how this would give us industrial park space to utilize. Phil is planning a marketing trip to Des Moines in the near future to seek out and/or qualify new leads. Phil will also be attending a BioShow in Boston in early May.

TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD – The Tourism Advisory Board met for the first time on April 2, 2007. This is the board charged with overseeing the allocation of the 3.6% lodging tax that was approved by voters last August and was collected by local lodging establishments beginning January 1, 2007. At this inaugural meeting the group, made up of 2 City representatives, 5 Chamber representatives (3 of which must be lodging owners/managers), and 1 representative each from Truman State University and AT Still University, discussed the responsibilities of the Board, an anticipated budget, and possible job descriptions for a Tourism Director. This Board will be meeting on a monthly basis while being established.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) COMMISSION – The TIF Commission met on Tuesday, April 3, 2007. Assistant to the City Engineer, Craig Dawson gave an update on completed and expected Downtown Projects including: the Courthouse Project; Downtown Corners/Ramps; Downtown Waterlines; and the Franklin Street Sidewalk Project. The group also was updated on the affect that the Ambulance District's new sales tax will have on the TIF and was given the preliminary design concept for the Jefferson Street Project which will be started in 2008.

E911 JOINT SERVICE COMMITTEE - At the last E911 Joint Service Committee meeting, the Board reaffirmed its desire to put the proposed tax initiative on the November Ballot.

A considerable effort was spent in refining cost estimates for the continued function of the 911 Center, per year. Three estimates were developed as follows: Continued function of the Center as is, with no consideration for capital replacements. This would require each partner to continue to provide their current contributions based upon agreed upon percentages and for each member to cover future capital needs. The City of Kirksville currently pays over 50% of the cost, annually this is \$215,000 excluding capital costs. Total operational costs were estimated at \$516,000. Option 2 was continued operations with basic capital replacement at \$556,000 annually. Option 3 was continued operations and capital purchases including civil defense sirens, radio towers, radio equipment for a total annual cost of \$816,000 to \$850,000. Board members discussed funding options expressing concern that ¼ cent would not generate sufficient funds. Three members of the Ambulance District Board were in attendance. These individuals advised that the Ambulance District could not finance the E911 Center, in total. However, those District members in attendance stated that if the ballot issue failed the ACAD Board could look at increasing its contribution. A number of questions were identified that will need answering before the next meeting. This included whether a 5/16ths is legally permissible and if there are any other alternatives that the Board is not aware of.

SECURITY TASK FORCE – On Friday of this past week, Governor Blunt issued a press release announcing the formation of a Campus Security Task Force. The Task Force will work to identify and implement best practices to protect students, faculty and staff in a time of emergency. The Governor has appointed 25 individuals to this task force, including Kirksville Chief of Police Jim Hughes. The Task Force has been asked to have a report finalized before the Fall semester.

FIRE DEPARTMENT THANK YOUS – The Newsletter is an opportunity to share notes of appreciation received by the departments from citizens. Included are two thank you notes to the Kirksville Fire Department.

Attachments

- Council Policy Vehicle Replacement – pgs.7-8
- Dream Initiative Agenda – pgs. 9-10
- MML Legislative Bulletin – pgs. 11- 12
- Sales Tax Report – pg. 13
- Highway 63 Article – pg. 14
- March Building Permit Report – pg. 15
- Fire Department Thank You – pgs. 16 -17
- Humane Society Report – pg. 18

CITY COUNCIL POLICY #12

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DATE: June 5, 1995
AMENDED: July 7, 2003

INTERNAL SERVICES GENERAL REPLACEMENT POLICY

This equipment replacement policy is structured to provide the City of Kirksville with the most cost-effective method to maintain its fleet. It is generally recognized that sound fleet maintenance and management of vehicle replacement will give the City the best return on its investment. Vehicle replacement is based on several factors: initial costs, mileage, type of use, effects of down time relating to the provision of services, maintenance costs and age of the vehicle.

Vehicles will be purchased in accordance with the City's Purchasing Policy. Used vehicles will be considered where such acquisition is considered to be cost-effective. This will be in areas where usage is low, and down time is not considered a critical factor for maintaining service delivery. Where appropriate, the City will also consider leasing equipment if an analysis of life-cycle costs, including purchase, indicate that leasing would be more cost effective.

As an alternative to the purchase of used vehicles, consideration will be given to in-house transfers. Vehicles may be transferred from high-use to low-use areas within the City. Since the City maintains a complete maintenance history of each vehicle, more is known about vehicles in-house than is normally known about used vehicles outside the organization.

The City will attempt to obtain the highest sale value for its equipment. This may be achieved through trade-in, direct sale, indirect sales through authorized dealers, or at public auction. The method chosen will depend upon the type of equipment being sold.

During the bidding process for new vehicles, the City will consider bids for comparable equipment purchased on state contract. State bid specifications do not always compare with the needs of similar city equipment, but where the state contract price is cheaper, the state contract vehicles and equipment will be purchased.

Deviations from the vehicle replacement policy may occur during periods of revenue shortages; however, short-term capital savings may result in higher long-term maintenance costs. Replacement delays will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine long-term implications of retaining each vehicle. The City Council understands that the preferred vehicle and equipment schedule below is subject to change based on City needs and changing industry and manufacturing standards.

Fire trucks are not listed on the replacement schedule due to the long-term nature of their service, as well as the special appropriation needs that are required for unit replacement.

CITY COUNCIL POLICY #12

REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

CLASSIFICATION OF FLEET UNITS

GENERAL REPLACEMENT

Automobiles: Administrative, etc.	8 years or 50,000 miles
Police Squad Cars	3 years or 130,000 miles
Pickups: Utility Service	8 years or 65,000 miles
All Others	10 years
Trucks: Sludge Haulers	8 years
Airport Refueler	15 years
All Others	10 years
End loaders	5 years or 5,000 hours
Skid-Steer Loaders	5 years or 3,000 hours
Motor Graders	10 years or 8,000 hours
Trailers	20 years
Snow Plows	10 years
Material Spreaders	5 years
Snow Blowers	5 years - extended each year if utilization is low
Utility Vehicles: Trucksters AMT, etc.	1,500 hours
Tractors: Garden/Lawn	1,500 hours
Industrial	5,000 hours
Agricultural	5,000 hours
Tractor/Mower: Turf	Leased new every year (400-600) hours
Street Sweeper	7 years
Other Miscellaneous Units	5 years, then evaluated each year as to condition, and replacement recommended as needed.

DREAM Initiative

Downtown Vision Institute

Monday, April 30, 2007

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome, Introductions & Expectations
- 9:30 a.m. Whatever Happened to Downtown?
- 10:30 a.m. break
- 10:45 a.m. Downtown Vision – Introduction
- Definition
 - Purpose
 - Elements
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (provided free for participants)
- 1:00 p.m. Local Visual Examples
- Property Development/Building Renovations
 - Business Recruitment
 - Downtown Revitalization activities
- 2:30 p.m. Special Places
- Natural Features
 - Cultural Features
 - Heritage Tourism
 - Public Art
 - Authenticity – The Real Deal
- 3:15 p.m. break
- 3:30 p.m. Place Making – Local Identity & Downtown Development
- 4:00 p.m. Community Exploration – conclude day #1

You don't design the future by what you do now, you do now based on your vision of the future. Plato

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

- 7 – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast (on your own)
- 8:30 a.m. Using Local Identity to Create Your Vision
- Where Are We Now – Action Research
 - Where Are We Headed – Trend Analysis
 - Where Do We Want To Be – Visioning
 - What Do We Want to Look Like – Visualization
- 9:45 a.m. break
- Using Local Identity to Create Your Vision (cont.)
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (provided free for participants)
- 1:00 p.m. Implementing Your Downtown Vision – Action Planning
- organizational development
 - leadership training
 - genuine progress indicators
 - setting priorities
 - technical assistance
 - regional networks
 - The Next Step
 - annual conferences
 - 2nd Vision (7-10 years)
- 2:00 p.m. Place Making – Some Success Stories
- design awareness
 - appropriate forms
 - new investment
 - civic capacity
 - pride of place
- 3:00 p.m. Depart host city

“Creating a vibrant downtown is not just about historic districts, sign ordinances, new businesses, the renovation of old buildings, public art or banners. It is about all of these things and more. It’s about creating an authentic place by identifying the key features in each community and incorporating those into the elements of the built environment to tell the local story.”

Randy Gray, Special Place Development



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LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN #8

**Missouri Municipal League
1727 Southridge Dr.
Jefferson City, MO 65109
573-635-9134**

April 20, 2007

MML LOBBY DAY ... Municipal officials are encouraged to attend an MML Lobby Day on Wednesday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 7 (basement of Capital). MML staff will brief attendees who will then visit with their legislators and, if possible, take them to lunch. This should be a crucial time for municipal issues, especially the telecom tax bill (H.B. 165). Registration is not required but [please notify us \(tshaw@mocities.com\) if you will join us.](mailto:tshaw@mocities.com)

WATER AND SEWER SERVICE: LANDLORDS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR BILLS ... The House Local Government Committee will vote on the 400-page S.B. 22 on Tuesday morning. Rep. Vickie Schneider has amended the bill to repeal the ability of municipalities to hold the landlord, as well as the renter, jointly liable for delinquent water and sewer bills. The city could only sue the renter (who is long gone). This provision would drive up the utility bills for the other residents. The bill apparently would prohibit master meters on apartment buildings and trailer parks. Please contact the members of the House Local Government Committee on Monday to urge the removal of this outrageous provision (Schneider, Chair; Joe Smith, Vice Chair; Denison, Nolte, Pratt, St. Onge, Threlkeld, Daus, Skaggs, Talboy, Villa, and Zimmerman). There are other bad provisions in S.B. 22, but lets just concentrate on this one. Only four weeks to adjournment!

TELECOM TAXES ... On April 19, Senator Griesheimer convened a meeting between approximately 50 telecom attorneys and city attorneys to hammer out a compromise on H.B. 165. The final result is similar to the earlier negotiated compromise between the industry and MML. Senator Griesheimer will substitute the compromise for the original H.B. 165. The compromise is a fair and reasonable resolution, assuming it survives the legislative process.

HUNTING/TARGET PRACTICE IN MUNICIPAL FLOOD PLANS ... At the request of the MML, S.S.H.B. 327 will be amended to allow municipalities to prohibit the discharge of firearms in the 100 year flood plain of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers in "urbanized areas" over 50,000 population and in other municipalities that have adopted, before August 28, 2007, an ordinance prohibiting discharge of firearms within the city limits. If your city contains land within the 100 year flood plain of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers, please be certain that you actually have such an ordinance or that you adopt one before August 28, 2007. MML has a sample ordinance available on our Web site or from League headquarters. This bill also prohibits new TIFs in the Missouri and Mississippi flood plains except in "urbanized areas."

PHOTO RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT ... The House has removed the amendment to S.B. 239 that would have required that all fines from municipal red light violations that are detected by photo systems shall be deposited in the state school funds. Sometimes reason prevails!

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	208,545.59
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>\$853,569.97</u>

With the March 2007 distribution, year-to-date collections are **4.31%** higher than the amount received for January-April 2006.

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

FY 2004/2005	+ 14.01%
FY 2003/2004	+ 13.39%

Unfinished business

As U.S. 63 work is celebrated,
focus shifts to next highway priorities

CELEBRATIONS held last week at two newly completed sections of U.S. 63, near Kirksville and Macon, signal a major step forward in developing the region's transportation infrastructure.

But the work doesn't mean the end of efforts to get that highway improved — just a shift in focus to the next priority.

U.S. 63 is now a four-lane highway between Macon and Kirksville, thanks to the commitment of motivated leaders and voters. The emphasis should now be on building bypasses at Kirksville and Macon, and continuing U.S. 63 as a four-lane highway north to Des Moines, Iowa. When that goal is achieved, the Avenue of the Capitals — a four-lane corridor connecting Des Moines with Jefferson City, Mo. — will be a reality.

Major construction projects inevitably advance in stages, requiring persistence and dedication in order to bring about their completion. That has certainly been the case in bringing U.S. 63 to this point.

Several years ago the Highway 63 Coalition was formed in Kirksville to promote four-lane construction. The group soon learned that Missouri was short on highway construction dollars and had many priority projects already on the multi-year construction lists. Even more daunting was the list of other projects being championed for inclusion on future lists.

That did not deter the coalition, which proposed a local cost-share program and added a unique design-build feature that would allow the state to consider

the highway a pilot project. All 23 miles of the highway would be built on an accelerated schedule, as opposed to the usual design-bid-build programs that require separate lettings on anything more than a 10-mile project.

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission approved the idea in 2001 and Kirksville voters approved a half-cent sales tax to pay up to one-third of the project's cost in April 2002. Members of the Macon City Council were so impressed with Kirksville's commitment to the highway, that they voluntarily have contributed \$10,000 a year toward a 10-year total of \$100,000 for the construction.

The 23-mile project was completed in late 2005. Last week's ribbon cuttings were on the "bookend projects" that connect with U.S. 63 near Macon and Kirksville.

Thanks to the community visionaries and an educated electorate, U.S. 63 is safer for motorists and the region has become more attractive for economic development. This success has not gone unnoticed. In fact, voters in four other Northeast Missouri counties approved a sales tax to pay a cost share that ensures U.S. 36 will be a four-lane highway between Hannibal and Macon by no later than 2010.

Progress has been made, but the job is not yet completed. Kirksville and Macon need bypasses and U.S. 63 needs to be upgraded northward into Iowa.

While much remains to be done, those whose vision and persistence led to last week's ceremonies can be proud of having served the region well.

Comment [KC1]: Article from
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Whig, April 5, 2007

April 2, 2007

Mike Ayers
Manager-Eng. Des.
AT&T/Southwestern Bell Telephone
225 W. Coates
Moberly, Missouri 65270

Dear Mike,

The following is a listing of new construction in Kirksville for the period of March 1, 2007, through March 30,2007:

Date: March 7, 2007
Owner: Jack Delaney
Use: Single-Family
Address: 508 Lakeside Manor
Permit No.: 6743
Const. Co.: Petre Construction

Date: March 20, 2007
Owner: Ben Hickman
Use: Duplex
Address: 604 & 606 S. Jamison
Permit No.: 6748
Const. Co.: Heritage House Const.

Date: March 20, 2007
Owner: Ken Reed
Use: Duplex
Address: 608 & 610 S. Jamison
Permit No.: 6747
Const. Co.: Heritage House Const.

Date: March 22, 2007
Owner: Ebeling & Martin
Use: Duplex
Address: 21 A & B Bobwhite Dr
Permit: 6750
Const. Co.: Ebeling & Martin

Date: March 30, 2007
Owner: Mike & Tiffany LaBeth
Use: Single-Family
Address: 2500 College Park Dr.
Permit No.:6754
Const. Co.: Watkins Const.

Sincerely,

Laila Price
City of Kirksville
Codes/Inspections Assistant

cc: Mari E. Macomber, City Manager
Debbie Boughton, Kirksville Chamber of Commerce

