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Watershed Advisory Commission Formed

In response to an opportunity to participate in a voluntary state program focusing on overall water quality, the Kirksville City Council recently approved the formation of a Watershed Management Commission. The mission of the Watershed Management Commission is to make recommendations to the City Council concerning the implementation of goals outlined in the watershed management plans for both Hazel Creek and Forest Lake.

The Council has charged this Commission with several things. The Commission will become familiar with the existing Watershed Management Plans and should prioritize the goals contained in the plans based on impact and funding availability. The Commission will provide input into the evaluation of achieved goals and the development of new goals. They will work to identify funding from federal, state, and local sources to implement goals. The Commission should serve as a liaison between the community and the Missouri Department of

Natural Resources (MDNR) and the Missouri Department of Conservation to ensure watershed plans are in compliance and are compatible with conservation practices and resource uses. The Commission will also serve as a liaison between the City and MDNR to provide open communications by which the concerns of either party can be expressed and discussed for both Hazel Creek and Forest Lake.

The first meeting of the Watershed Management Commission was held November 17.

Watershed Facts

- Forest Lake (FL) watershed is 8832 acres
- Hazel Creek (HC) watershed is 4586 acres
- Water source for City water:

	FL	HC
2005	75%	25%
2004	100%	0%
2003	25%*	75%
2002	80%	20%

* New pumps being installed at Forest Lake

Trash, Recycling and Yard Waste Pick-Up

As a reminder to residents, you may dispose of one bag or can of trash, up to 33 gallons or 40 pounds, per week. If you wish to dispose of more than these limits, you must purchase stickers (at \$1.00 each) to be placed on each extra bag. Stickers are available from the trash service, at City Hall, or at several retail locations in Kirksville. Kirksville's recycling program allows newspaper, plastic, metal cans, chipboard, mixed paper, and corrugated cardboard to be placed curbside weekly for collection. There is no limit to the amount of recycled items, and no charge for their collection.

Bagged yard waste will be collected the last full week of each month, March–December, on your regular trash day.

The City will be holding its annual Spring Clean-Up in March/April 2006. Be watching for more information in the next *Kirksville Connection* or *Interim Update*.

Members Appointed to the Watershed Management Commission:

Gary Jones—Adair County Commission
Stewart Blessing—County Health Department
Kenny Coy, Dr. Jerry Smith, and Dr. Clayton Dillavou—Citizens

Mari Macomber—City Manager
Phillip Ayers—Farm Service Administration
Roger Bland, Jim Novinger, and Martin Jayne—Watershed Land Owners

Brian Todd—Missouri Department of Conservation

Dr. Scott Ellis—Truman State University Science Professional

Robert Broz—University of Missouri Extension

Ex-Officio Members

Board Member—Adair County Water Supply Dist.

Sue Barrett—LPRC Chair

Ray Ivy—City of LaPlata

Mike Bradley—Natural Resource Conservation Service

KIRKSVILLE – WHERE PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE™

New Airport Director Named

David Hall, a long-time employee of Kirksville Regional Airport has been named Airport Director. Hall began working at the airport in 1984 as a contracted weather observer for the National Weather Service. After receiving his airframe and power plant ratings, he became an airport operator, a position he has held for 12 years. Hall began his new duties on October 31.

Stop by the Airport, meet David Hall, and check out our new facility.



Spur Pond Update

City staff continues to meet with representatives of the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) to work on revitalizing Spur Pond. During our most recent discussion, MDC indicated that they would like to work on the project in June or July of 2006. We will continue to keep the citizens informed of our progress.

Where Do Your Sales Tax Dollars Go?

Have you ever wondered where that sales tax that is added to your purchases goes?

The sales tax rate within the City is currently 7.475% (or 7.475 cents on each \$1 spent on applicable goods or services). This tax rate is made up of various individual sales taxes designated for specific uses by different taxing bodies, with the State of Missouri having the highest rate.

State	4.225%
Adair County	1%
.5% law enforcement	
.5% general operations	
Special Project—Highway 63	.5%
City of Kirksville	1.75%

- .25% capital improvement
 - Funds capital improvement projects, including the retirement of debt
 - Generates approximately \$.5 million annually for the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund
 - Currently this tax pays the lease payments on the purchase of the 3010 Building (formerly Standard Register), which will be fully paid off in September 2007
 - Has funded trails, sidewalks, park improvements and fire trucks
 - Set for renewal September 30, 2007
- .5% transportation
 - Used for transportation-related purposes
 - Generates approximately \$1 million annually for the Transportation Sales Tax Fund
 - Currently this tax provides funding for new construction of streets, asphalt overlay repair, storm drainage improvements and no more than 5% for Kirk-Tran and airport improvements

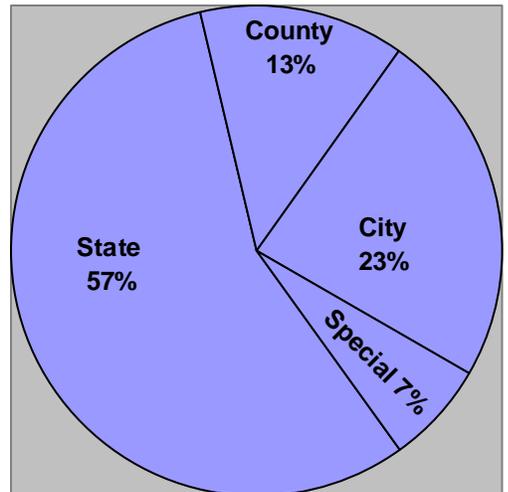
combined.

- Recent street projects have included LaHarpe, Normal, Meadow Lane, Mill, Elizabeth and Lincoln, in addition to the Baltimore and New Street sidewalks
 - Set for renewal December 31, 2015
- 1% general
- Funds the provision of police and fire protection, street repairs, building inspection and code enforcement, in-house engineering, recreational activities, municipal court and administrative services
 - Generates approximately \$2.2 million annually for the General Fund
 - No expiration date

Sales Tax Rate Comparison

Maryville	7.475%
Kirksville	7.475%
Warrensburg	7.6%
Sedalia	7.6%
Rolla	7.6%
Moberly	7.725%
Hannibal	8.475%

Sales Tax Allocation



Council Sets Goals for 2006

Each year the City Council meets prior to the beginning of the budgeting process to set their goals and priority areas for the coming year. The goals that are established by the City Council help to provide the City Manager and staff direction on the budget preparation and focus for the next fiscal year. The City's fiscal year will begin January 1 and run through December 31.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Continue to work with the Kirksville Regional Economic Development Incorporated (K-REDI) to market the community.
- Continue to work with K-REDI on recruitment efforts as prospects are identified.
- Promote the airport's economic benefits including access to markets. In addition, develop a plan that incorporates industrial and business development plans as part of the airport layout plan.
- Insure infrastructure needs are identified and determine course of action to allow for future growth and development.
- Continue to implement and enforce beautification efforts to promote community pride.
- Expand economic development efforts to include other areas of focus specific to the City's efforts.

CONTINUE EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

- Analyze costs compared to benefits for new projects or programs, as part of the research process.
- Continue the implementation of joint purchasing for office supplies and building maintenance supplies. Work to identify other possible internal purchases.

- Explore with other governmental groups – i.e. school district, county, etc. on potential joint purchasing projects.
- Explore technology enhancements that would allow citizens more access to City services online such as bill payments, permit purchasing, license renewals.

PROTECT CITY OWNED ASSETS

- Determine what are the City's assets – people, property, equipment, services, etc.
- Continue to implement and update long-range plans for capital assets – water, sewer, streets, buildings, parks and airport.
- Determine costs of long-range plans, calculate costs and outline funding plans to support efforts.
- Consider current ability of City to maintain existing assets and ability to add new.

BUILD PARTNERSHIPS

- Reinitiate partnership meetings with Adair County Commission, Kirksville R-III and Truman State University.
- Identify other partnerships, hosting meetings to identify shared goals and agendas.
- Continue to foster strong relations with existing community partners – Chamber of Commerce, Kirksville Arts Association, KDIC, KBSA, service clubs and other organizations.
- Continue to work with State and Federal partners on shared goals and agendas – DNR, MDC, MoDOT, FAA, and state and local representatives.
- Build partnerships with citizens on shared issues of concern.

City Audit Results Are In

The City of Kirksville has again received a clean opinion as a result of an audit undertaken for fiscal year ended March 31, 2005. Each year the City's financial statements undergo an audit performed by a firm of independent auditors. This ensures to the Kirksville citizenry that the City is accountable for taxpayer money, under sound financial management and demonstrates that the financial reporting is in compliance with governmental standards.

In summary, the financial statements showed that government-wide, the City had total net assets of \$41,304,196. Government-wide revenues totaled \$14,393,069 for the fiscal year while government-wide expenses were \$12,798,948. Net assets increased by \$1,594,121 over the prior year. Due to

the nature of governmental operations, \$36,369,176, or 88%, of net assets represent investment in capital assets, i.e., water and wastewater plants and systems, streets, public buildings, public lands, equipment and vehicles. In addition, 5% of net assets are restricted in use, i.e., debt service and for projects funded by specific taxes. The remaining 7% is available for current operations.

The document produced as a result of the audit is the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and can be viewed at the Adair County Public Library, Truman State University Pickler Memorial Library and on the City's web site at <http://www.kirksvillemcity.com/Finance/CAFR.0405.pdf>

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Catch the New Fitness Wave at the



AQUA BOX: An unforgettable water kickboxing experience. Learn the basic kicks, punches and combinations. Challenging for all fitness and skill levels.

Class meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
at 5:30pm. Cost—General Admission

FLUID YOGA: This program takes on a new twist to include flowing patterns and controlled variations of land poses to the aquatic environment. Come and fuse the mind, body and spirit.

Class meets Tuesday and Thursday
At 5:15pm. Cost—General Admission



WATER PILATES: This program creatively adapts Pilates exercises to the pool. Elongate the entire body, build a stronger core, improve posture and body awareness, and develop strength and flexibility with fluidity and grace.

Class meets Tuesday and Thursday
At 6:00p.m. Cost—General Admission

AMERICAN RED CROSS LEARN-TO-SWIM LESSONS:
Offering parent-child and Levels 1-6.
Call for class dates and times.



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For more information about these and other recreation activities, contact the recreation staff at 660-627-1485, or stop by their office in the Kirksville Aquatic Center.