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## Water Revenue Bonds on April 6th Municipal Ballot

The City of Kirksville is asking voters to consider an issuance of water revenue bonds when they go to the polls on April 6th.

The City has an opportunity to get a low interest loan through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Receiving community support for the revenue bond issue is a requirement of the loan program, and lets DNR know that you support them advancing us the money for water capital.

The water revenue bonds do not create an additional cost

to residents. Bonds will be repaid with revenues generated from providing water service.

There are three main benefits that will be realized with the use of the revenue bonds:

Economic Development  
Water service will be extended to the Kirksville Regional Airport, creating the opportunity for future development near the airport.

Generating Additional Revenue  
Through a cooperative effort of the City of Kirksville, the

Adair County Public Water Supply District, and the City of LaPlata, water mains will be extended past the airport, to LaPlata. This will allow Kirksville to sell additional water to serve the City of LaPlata, generating additional revenues to pay toward the project.

Planned Improvements and New State Regulations  
Planned improvements include water line replacement and extensions, as well as improvements at the water plant, which will help us keep pace with new state regulations.

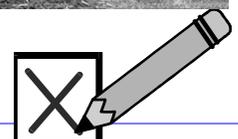
## Baseball/Softball Season Nearing

The Kirksville Baseball/Softball Association opening ceremonies are scheduled for Friday, May 21, at Kirksville's North Park Complex. Patrons will see some changes at the ballpark this year, including improvements to the Pee Wee Field, concrete floors and roofs for the dugouts, as well as the addition of a Press Box. (photo right)

For more information on activities at North Park, visit the Parks & Rec section of our web site at:  
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Every Vote Counts—Cast Your Ballot on April 6th



## Parks and Rec Upcoming Events

April 8 - 7:00 pm  
Spring Dance  
Moose Lodge

April 20  
Bus Trip to Ottumwa

April 29  
Big Band Cruise on the  
Mississippi

Memory Lane Matinee  
2nd Tuesday of Month  
Downtown Cinema 8  
10:30 am

Free Movie Day  
3rd Sunday of Month  
Kirksville Middle School  
2:00 pm

For more information about these and other great summer events, contact the Parks and Recreation Office at 627-1485.

## Appliance Drop-Off

Kirksville residents have the opportunity to dispose of appliances at no cost. In conjunction with the Northeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission, the City is allowing residents to bring their appliances to the old City landfill on Highway 6 West, near the animal shelter, on Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10. The hours are Friday 8am–2pm and Saturday 8am–noon. Appliances with or without freon will be accepted.

## The GISC: Local Information Resources Through Local Partnerships

The GISC (Geographic Information System Consortium) is a new interagency office created this year to meet the changing needs of local public agencies, while using resources efficiently. The City of Kirksville, County of Adair, and Public Water Supply District #1 are the partner agencies behind this new movement to improve local information management.

Our geographic information system (GIS) will be a digital 'library' with information tied to locations on maps of public infrastructure, such as water lines. Member agencies will be able to manage and analyze the information in these 'libraries' to improve record-keeping, service, and resource usage. The addition of GIS is important for meeting the

individual needs of each agency, as well as collective needs for better access to all local infrastructure information. Pam Kelrick is the GISC Coordinator organizing this important effort. She can be reached at 665-0408, or [GISC@cablone.net](mailto:GISC@cablone.net), for more information.

## Glass Recycling Now Available for Residents

What started out as a hope 19 months ago is now a reality. With the help of a grant from the State of Missouri Region C Solid Waste Management District, Truman State University, with the support of the City and County, is now offering area residents the option of recycling glass.

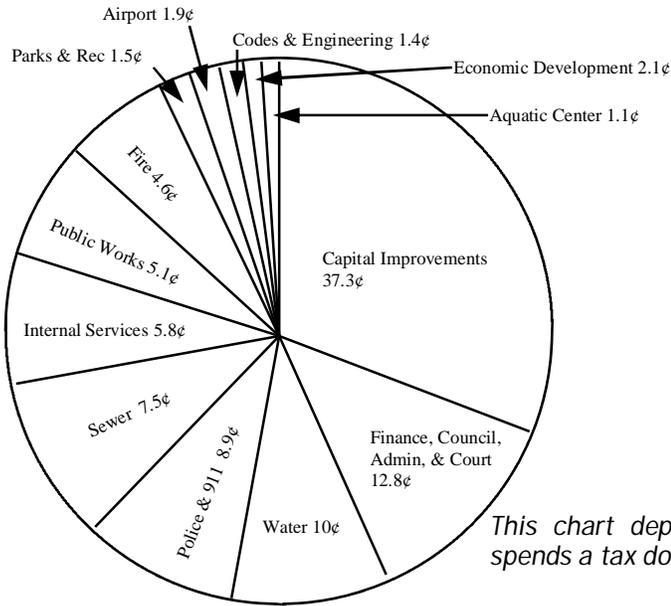
Truman applied for the grant to purchase the ma-

chine in January 2003 and received notification in late June from the Region C Solid Waste Management District that the grant was approved. The machine, which arrived in late August, grinds glass to a fine sand which can then be used in place of regular sand, for use as drainage fill, pothole filler, sidewalk construction and numerous artistic projects.

Community and area support in this endeavor is critical to the success of the recycling effort. The University is not in a position to pick up glass, therefore citizens must be willing to bring their rinsed glass to the Truman Recycling Center, located off of La Harpe Street. For more information call 660-785-7672.



*City council representatives and community members gather around Truman State University President, Barbara Dixon, as she cuts the ribbon at the Truman Recycling Center to launch the glass recycling program.*



*This chart depicts how the City spends a tax dollar.*

## 2004-2005 Budget in Effect

Kirksville's city budget for the 2004-2005 fiscal year, effective April 1, totals \$24,313,462.

This budget includes more than \$9 million for capital improvements. Also, the City will spend \$1.23 million for public works and streets, \$2.15 million for the police department and E-911 services, \$1.11 million for the fire department, and about \$377,000 for the parks and recreation department.

## McKim Hired as Assistant City Manager

Kris McKim began her duties as the new Kirksville Assistant City Manager, on January 26. "I am very pleased that Kris has joined us," said City Manager, Mari Macomber. "She is a Kirksville native, a well respected member of our community and I am certain that our city

government will benefit from her talents and experience."

McKim has been employed for the past five years at the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, where she has served as Program Development and Data Coordinator for the Missouri Area Health Education Centers

(MAHEC) Program Office. Previously she was employed at Truman State University in the Advancement Office. "I am very excited about joining the City of Kirksville," said McKim. "Our city is currently facing a number of significant challenges and I welcome the opportunity to work with so

many talented people to help address those challenges."

McKim was born and raised in Kirksville. She and her husband, Kenny, have two children, Kara and Kaleb.

## City Street Improvements Are Underway



*Crews are busy doing grading and pavement work near the corner of Scott and Fourth Streets.*

Spring is here, and that means construction season. As you are driving around town in the coming months you will see several street and sidewalk improvements underway.

These projects include:

*Scott Street from First to Osteopathy.* This project is in progress, and is scheduled for completion on June 8. It is being paid for by Transportation Sales Tax and 50% by Northeast Regional Medical Center.

*LaHarpe Street from First to Boundary.* Utility location for this project has begun, and earthwork will begin soon. The

project should be completed by August 30, and is being paid for by the Transportation Sales Tax.

City streets are currently being reviewed so that concrete pavement repair and asphalt overlay projects can begin in late spring.

The City is also making sidewalk improvements. Sidewalks are being installed on New Street from Baltimore to Northtown Road. Sidewalks are being repaired and some new sidewalks installed on Baltimore from LaHarpe to Illinois. These projects should commence in early April, and

# Spring/Summer 2004 Aquatic Center Special Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>
Chalk Contest—Winner receives Season Pass	May 29—June 5
Moms swim FREE on Mother's Day	May 9
Safe Swim Coloring Contest	May 31
Teen Night—\$2 Late Night Swim for Teens	June 11
Dads Swim FREE on Father's Day	June 20
Big Blue Bingo—Bring a frisbee for 1 free admission	June 23
Boy Scout and Girl Scout Appreciation Day	June 25
4th of July Watermelon Fest	July 4
Teen Night—\$2 Late Night Swim for Teens	July 9
Tigersharks Home Swim Meet 9 a.m.—noon	July 24
Big Blue Bingo—Bring a frisbee for 1 free admission	July 28
Luau—food, drink, and music	August 7
Teen Night—\$2 Late Night Swim for Teens	August 13
United Way Kick-Off and Duck Dash	August 21
Big Blue Bingo—Bring a frisbee for 1 free admission	August 25
Public Swim Meet	August 14



Call 627-POOL, for more information on any Aquatic Center Program.

Outdoor Pool Opens  
Memorial Day  
Weekend!

Outdoor Pool Hours:  
Monday—Saturday  
Noon—8pm  
Sunday  
12:30—8pm

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