



MARCH/APRIL 2016

BRIDGETON BANNER

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE APRIL 5

The following individuals have filed for candidacy in the April municipal election.

Ward 1: Scott Zimmer*
11454 Ann Mar Dr.

Ward 2: Brys Smith
4234 Carrollton Dr.

Linda Eaker*
3255 Autumn
View Pointe Dr.

Ward 3: Randy Hein*
4127 Scotch Dr.

**Helen Diana
Jennings**
11862 Melody Lane

Dan Wentz
4108 Bridgeton Meadow Ct.

Ward 4: Barbara Abram*
11772 Archerton Ct.

* Denotes incumbent.



Also on the ballot is the following proposition:

Proposition B – Shall the City of Bridgeton continue applying and collecting the local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer?

Rejection of this measure will result in a reduction of local revenue to provide for vital services for the City of Bridgeton and it will place Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats and trailers at a competitive disadvantage to non-Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats, and trailers.

Be Sure to vote YES or NO!

CITY SAVES ON ENERGY AT NEW RECREATION CENTER

The recently completed Bridgeton Recreation Center is big on many things; helping residents lead healthier lives by providing the tools to exercise; providing opportunities for sports at all ages, serving as a meeting place for people to gather and have lunch; and in saving energy. Yes, that's right the new Recreation Center helps to save energy.

In fact, the city of Bridgeton recently received an incentive check from Ameren Missouri amounting to more than \$72,600 for incorporating energy saving features into the design of the center. The incentives are part of Ameren BizSavers' program. The program encourages public bodies and private entities to consider energy-efficient equipment when building or remodeling their facilities.

Bridgeton had the architects who designed the new Recreation Center include many energy efficient devices in their design, such as lighting fixtures, heating and cooling units and building controls to monitor temperatures. Not only did these features save money initially, but their benefit should continue throughout the life of the new center.

The incentive check the city received was put toward paying for the Recreation Center construction.



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Elected Officials

Mayor:

Terry W. Briggs
373-3811

Municipal Judge:

Joseph Larrew

Ward 1:

Scott Zimmer
575-7474

Bob Saettele
291-1131

Ward 2:

Jerry Grimmer
739-7491

Linda Eaker
291-3880

Ward 3:

Ferd Fetsch
291-3021

Randy Hein
298-1700

Ward 4:

Barbara Abram
739-1050

Joni Norris
291-8041

City Hall
739-7500

Community Center
739-5599



CONGRESS ADVANCES BILL ON WESTLAKE LANDFILL REMEDIATION

The United States House of Representatives may consider a bill transferring authority for the clean-up of the radiological waste at the Westlake Landfill in Bridgeton from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In February, the U.S. Senate gave approval to the bill, sponsored by Missouri's two senators, Claire McCaskill and Roy Blunt, sending it to the lower chamber.

The Bridgeton City Council had supported this action and passed a resolution last year calling for the Corps of Engineers to take over the remediation of the site. Mayor Terry Briggs also had written a letter to both senators, McCaskill and Blunt, offering the city's full support of their bill.

Senator Blunt, in a prepared statement, said the families living near the Westlake landfill are "fed up" with the EPA's long delay in implementing a plan. "The Senate has taken an important step by voting to give the Corps the authority to utilize its knowledge and expertise on clean-up efforts, which I hope will begin to give families the peace of mind they deserve."

McCaskill added; "This plan isn't a silver bullet, and will take far longer than we'd like to resolve these issues, but it's a concrete, positive step forward. Now it's up to the U.S. House to take up this issue so that we can get the legislation across the finish line."

The bill has support in the House from the two Congressmen whose district includes the Westlake landfill; Rep. William "Lacy" Clay and Rep. Ann Wagner. They had introduced a bill of their own in the House calling for the transfer to the Corps and now will push for passage of the Senate passed measure, which mirrors their bill.

Even if a bill is approved and signed by the President, before any work can get started, an appropriations bill, allocating money to spend on remediating the site, must be approved by Congress. Just when that will be done is not known.



BRIDGETON RANKS IN TOP FIVE IN STATE FOR HEALTHY HOUSING MARKET

The City of Bridgeton ranks in the top five of Missouri cities in a recent study of the healthiest housing markets in the state. SmartAsset, a financial technology company, ranked cities on five criteria; average years residents live in their homes, average homes with negative equity in the structures, homes of decreasing value in the city, average day a home stays on the market, and the average cost of a home in Bridgeton as it compares to a percentage of the family's income.

"This study reaffirms what many Bridgeton residents already know; that the city is a great place to buy a home and live," said Mayor Terry Briggs.

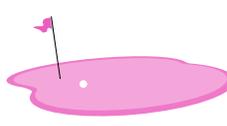
The study found the average number of years a resident stays in his/her Bridgeton home is 14.6 years. Only two other communities had a higher ranking in the state. Researchers also noted that the average mortgage payment for a Bridgeton homeowner accounts for approximately 21% of their income. SmartAsset noted that the affordability of home ownership is a key factor in determining the health of a community's housing market.

TRASH BASH!

Help Stop Water Pollution! Join us for a Fun Clean-Up! Missouri River Relief (MRR) will sponsor its 7th annual Trash Bash at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, 2016. We will be picking up trash from the river, drainage channels, watersheds and creeks. Bridgeton is one of the starting locations. For more information and registration please visit riverrelief.org/event/confluence-trash-bash-2015/. The Bridgeton Beautification Commission will be participating and will also provide lunch and prizes for unusual finds for our Bridgeton team. Students will have an opportunity to earn community service hours. You may contact Brian Peterson @ Bridgeton City Hall-Public Works 314-739-7500 for more information.

EMERALD ASH BORER MANAGEMENT GUIDE FOR MISSOURI HOMEOWNERS

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is a serious threat to ash trees in Missouri. This invasive pest will eventually kill unprotected ash trees. Many trees can be saved with the careful use of systemic insecticides. However, not all ash trees should be treated, and for many locations the start of treatments should be delayed. A guide will assist you in making decisions about protecting your trees from this invasive pest. Find more information at eab.missouri.edu. We have posted information on the City website on the Parks and Recreation page.



BERRY HILL GOLF COURSE OPENS MARCH 1

Dates of interest: March 19th St. Pats 2-Person Scramble, April 23rd Spring Classic - 27 holes individual play, Sign up at Berry Hill. Visit the website for all other information regarding the golf course.

BRIDGETON RECOGNIZED FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The City of Bridgeton has once again been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award. The honor is the highest form of recognition bestowed by GFOA in the areas of governmental accounting and financial reporting. This year's award marks the 35th consecutive time the city of Bridgeton has received this distinction.

"The city of Bridgeton is pleased to be honored by GFOA," said Mayor Terry Briggs. "This award recognizes the hard work city employees perform to inform the public about the financial condition of their city and encourages them to read the financial report." The award was presented to Dennis Rainey, Bridgeton Finance Officer.

An independent and impartial panel of financial experts judge documents submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the award. GFOA is a nonprofit professional association of 17,500 government and financial professionals.

A REMINDER FOR OUR RESIDENTS

Spring is finally just around the corner! While residents enjoy the warmer weather and begin their spring cleaning, please keep in mind the following information regarding the disposal of refuse.

Bridgeton Municipal Ordinance 245.060 A1 reflects refuse containers may not be placed curbside more than 12 hours prior to the day of collection and must be properly stored by midnight of the collection day.

Bridgeton Municipal Ordinance 245.050 B2g reflects no garbage or refuse container shall be left in front of the building for more than 24 consecutive hours without returning to an area behind the front of the building. This ordinance places the only acceptable location for permanent outdoor storage of residential trash containers to be on either the side of, or to the rear of the residence. Trash cans cannot be stored in front of the garage door, the front porch or any area forward of the front line of the building.

For questions or concerns, please phone 314-739-7557 or visit bridgetonmo.com for additional information.



BRIDGETON BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION SPRING PLANT GIVE-AWAY

The Beautification Commission will distribute a complimentary red columbine and yellow Missouri cone flowers in small pots to Bridgeton residents on Saturday, April 23, from 9-10 a.m. or when supplies have been exhausted (whichever comes first).

The giveaway will take place in front of the Bridgeton outdoor pool. We will have a drive-through line; we are asking that you please stay in your car. This is an attempt to make it quicker and safe for participating residents.

Note: The commission will not distribute any plants earlier than 9 a.m. Proof of residency is required; supplies are limited. Please call 314-739-5599 for more information.

BRIDGETON WALKING WARRIORS WELCOMES NEW CLUB MEMBERS



Come join us as we promote walking for wellness. We would like to get our residents, neighbors and friends up and moving to encourage healthier lifestyles. We are walking in our new Bridgeton Recreation Center (track and pool), our Bridgeton trails, Bridgeton neighborhoods, and we are also partnering with SSM to bring a few healthy living sessions in-house. Check us out in the 2016 Spring Activity Guide, online at our bridgetonmo.com site or just by calling the recreation center at 314-739-5599.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Mark Saturday, March 19 on the calendar and come join everyone's favorite bunny for breakfast before he hops off to deliver eggs on Easter. This event is for children ages 2 and older (Children ages 2 and under are free, but please register all family members!). Craft and other fun entertainment will be provided along with a hearty breakfast. Bring your camera for photos of your child with the Easter Bunny. Resident/BRC member fee is \$6 per person. Non-resident fee is \$8 per person. Registration ends Monday, March 14 or when full.

EASTER 'BEG' HUNT

Just like the egg hunt, only for your furry children! On Sunday, March 20 at 2 p.m. on the BMAC Soccer Field dogs will be allowed to "find" as many treats as possible in the hunt area. Dogs must remain on leashes at all times. After the hunt ends, each dog will receive a doggie bag to take home. The Easter Bunny will be available for photos with your pet.

All ages are welcome, but pets must have a responsible adult present. Owners assume all responsibility for their dog's behavior. Dogs must be current on all vaccinations.

Resident/BRC member fee is \$9 and Non-resident fee is \$12. BEG hunt registration ends Thursday, March 17 or when full. Pre-registration is required.

SHE AND ME FAIRIE TEA

Girls (ages 3 to 8) and a special woman in their lives (mom, grandma, aunt, etc.) can spend an enchanted afternoon together on Saturday, April 16 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. We will serve tea or punch and cookies to all participants. Girls and their "she" will work together on a craft to take home. Bring your camera and dress as your favorite fairie or princess for tea. Registration closes Monday, April 11, or when full. Register early; space is VERY limited. Resident/BRC member fee is \$22 a pair. Non-resident fee is \$27 a pair. Each additional person is \$11.

ETIQUETTE FOR BEGINNERS

The Etiquette Factory with Mrs. Patterson presents Etiquette for Beginners, ages 4-8: Life Lessons taught through story, song and play. Each week of the 4-week class will cover a different topic: the vocabulary of etiquette, saying hello, kindness, and sharing. Age appropriate activities will be used to convey each message; for example, come hear about Earl, the alligator that learns the importance of a proper introduction. Please pre-register by Tuesday, March 29. Lessons will be held on Tuesdays, April 5 through 26 from 6:15-7:45 p.m. Resident/BRC member rate is \$36; Non-resident rate is \$41.



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CELEBRATION IS
LESS THAN FOUR
MONTHS AWAY**

Traveling the USA is the theme of this year's 4th of July parade. The Bridgeton Special Events Commission is already hard at work organizing Bridgeton's Annual July 4th activities and we are inviting citizens, businesses and friends of Bridgeton to participate. This year's participants should use their imagination

to capture the many fine qualities and facets of traveling America (i.e., Attractions, Landmarks, National Monuments, Sports Venues, Restaurants, Highways, American History, Museums, Inventions, Amusement Parks, Concerts, etc.). **Now** is the time to begin working on creative entries.

Pick up your entry form at the Bridgeton Community Center or Bridgeton Website mid-March. There is no entry fee. What a great avenue for free advertising! Businesses may collaborate with different groups/organizations in order to form a team.

Enter a float, decorated vehicle, marching musical, walking brigade, precision group, classic car, or just dress up and participate in this tribute to traveling America. **The deadline for entries is Monday, June 20th.**

The parade begins Monday, July 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Gerard subdivision and hits Natural Bridge around 10:30. Evening activities will be held at the Bridgeton Athletic Complex beginning at 6 p.m. The evening will include a band, food, a few food trucks and a spectacular fireworks display at dusk.

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2016

Bridgeton youth and others can get a jump on applying for summer and other seasonal positions. The Parks and Recreation Department and the Public Works Department are accepting applications for part-time and seasonal employment.

Available positions in the Parks and Recreation Department include: program instructor, recreation aide, custodian, lifeguard, sports official, maintenance worker, day camp counselor, seasonal laborer and concession worker.

Available positions in the Street Department involve assisting in all types of street and storm water maintenance. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and be in possession of a valid Missouri driver's license.

For more information about each position, contact the Recreation Center or City Hall. The City of Bridgeton is an Equal Opportunity Employer.