



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016

National Night Out



National Night out was held on Tuesday October 4th and was again a tremendous success. Bridgeton Police officers visited several neighborhood celebrations. We thank all the residents that participated in the event and those who show support in partnering with us to address crime. A special event was also held at the Bridgeton Recreation Center where officers and Pattonville Firefighters gave away hotdogs and soft drinks.

BUSINESS WATCH MEETING



The Bridgeton Police Department's monthly business watch meeting went hands-on with the assistance of the Pattonville Fire Protection District. Business partners attended a training seminar involving the use of fire extinguishers. The attached photograph shows a participant using the skills learned with a hands-on demonstration. The Business Watch meeting is held monthly at city hall on the third Wednesday of the month.

NOMINATING PETITIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR OFFICE OF COUNCILPERSON (ONE IN EACH WARD) AND MUNICIPAL JUDGE FOR APRIL 4, 2017 ELECTION

Nominating petitions are available in the City Clerk's office, Bridgeton City Hall, 12355 Natural Bridge Road, for the office of Councilperson in the City of Bridgeton, one to be elected from each ward for a two year term. Petitions for City Council must be signed by no less than 50 registered voters in their respective Wards in the City of Bridgeton.

Petitions for Municipal Judge must be signed by no less than 100 registered voters citywide.

FILING FOR OFFICE OPENS 8:30 A.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017, AND CLOSSES AT 5:00 P.M. MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017. PETITIONS ARE TO BE FILED IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS AT CITY HALL.

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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



FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR BRIGGS

CITY OF BRIDGETON RESPONDS TO STATE AUDIT OF MUNICIPAL PENSION

The city of Bridgeton shares the concerns expressed in the audit released by the State Auditor's office. "In this current year, the administration requested and the City Council approved an additional \$200,000 appropriation toward the city-sponsored retirement program," said Mayor Terry Briggs. "Like many other public entities with pension programs, including the state of Missouri, the city's pension suffered inadequate returns on investments beginning in 2008 and through the rest of the recession we have recently emerged from. This led to the shortfall we are now addressing."

There are currently 110 active employees in the Bridgeton defined benefit program and another 116 retired employees. Beginning in 2012, the city changed its pension program from a defined benefit to a defined contribution whereby employees make voluntary deductions from their paychecks into a pension. The amount the employees place in their retirement program is then matched by the city up to five percent of their salary.

"Bridgeton Council members and administration appreciate the service retired employees and those still covered under the defined benefit program have and continue to give to the city," said Mayor Briggs. "It is our intention to make the pension fully-funded so these and future retirees will receive the pension they were promised."

With this year's additional funding and a larger contribution expected to be made in the city's 2017 fiscal year, the retirement fund will be over 70% funded. The city pension fund currently has a balance of more than \$26 million invested. All pension checks continue to be paid to those employees entitled to it. Bridgeton officials anticipate it will take several years for the retirement plan to be fully funded.

"We plan on continuing to increase our contributions to the employees' plan," said Briggs. "It will take us several more years to reach a level we and retirees should be happy with. Trying to accomplish a fully funded plan sooner would require the city to make drastic cuts in city services, something I don't believe our residents would want to see happen."

HARTY NAMED VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The City of Bridgeton hosted the 37TH annual Boards and Commissions dinner on October 14th at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel. The elected officials sponsor this dinner to recognize the many volunteers who serve the city on one of the thirteen active Boards or Commissions.

John Harty was named the Volunteer of the Year for 2016. He and his wife have been residents of Bridgeton for 52 years. John has served the city on two commissions: the Airport Commission and Senior Citizens Coordinating Committee. He served as Chairman of the Senior Citizens Committee for five of the six years on that committee. John also spends time in the Senior Citizens office at the Bridgeton Recreation Center assisting in any way he can.

The following businesses made donations for attendance prizes at the dinner: Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, Massa's, Sports Café, TGI Friday and Walmart.

Have you ever thought about getting more involved in your City? There are 13 active Boards and Commissions that serve in advisory capacities to the City Council. Here is the current listing: Beautification, Board of Adjustment, Design and Review, Finance, Historical, Housing Board of Appeals, Parks and Recreation Board, Personnel, Planning and Zoning, Police, Senior Citizens, Special Events and Streets. If you are interested in serving the City please contact your City Council representative or the Mayor's office.



LANDSCAPING AWARDS

The Beautification Commission awarded the late summer/early fall landscaping awards for 2016. The winners received a certificate of recognition from the City of Bridgeton and a \$25 gift certificate from Branneky Hardware.

The winners were:

Virginia Oelkers
3404 Taylor

Codey Hanson
12740 San Clemente

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cooper
3769 Three Oaks

Mr. & Mrs. Frumhoff Schultz
11245 Tea Olive Dr.

Mr. & Mrs. Tim Rudar
3980 Locke

Mr. & Mrs. Bob O'Neal
3725 Red Hawk

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Klein
11732 Benedetta

Mrs. Judy Wright
3396 Tortosa

The Commission also recognized Fazoli's for their outstanding appearance of their premises

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

Have you lived in Bridgeton your entire life? Did you raise your children in Bridgeton? Have you ever read the history of your City? "Home Place - A Celebration of Life in Bridgeton, Missouri" was written by Jane Mobley, Ph.D. in 1993 to commemorate the bi-centennial of Bridgeton and is available for purchase at the Reception Desk at City Hall for \$20. As stated by the author, "Bridgeton is the America most of us wish for, a place where the democratic process makes sense, a city parade is an expression of real pride, people know each other's names, and "home" means more than real estate."



PET LICENSES DUE

Pet licenses for 2017 will be available for purchase at City Hall BEGINNING January 4, 2017. Proof of rabies inoculation is required. The fee is \$2.00.

Please remember - Dogs and cats may not be allowed to run at large. They must be licensed annually and must be immunized against rabies. Call the Animal Control Officer at (314) 739-7557 about questions or problems concerning animals.

BERRY HILL GOLF COURSE

The golf course will be open through December 22, 2016, and then closed for the winter until March 1, 2017.



UPCOMING EVENTS...

CANDLELIGHT TOURS OF THE PAYNE-GENTRY HOUSE

The Historical Commission and Society will provide a nostalgic glimpse at Christmas past. The house will feature a Victorian Christmas tree, decorated with antique ornaments and surrounded by toys. Many other collectibles and original furnishings are also on display. Candlelight tours will be given and refreshments will be available.

Saturday, December 3, and Sunday, December 4, 2016*, from 4-8 p.m. \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, \$1 for children (4-15)

*In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled for Saturday, December 10, and Sunday, December 11, 2016.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Join Santa himself for a yummy breakfast on Saturday, December 3, 2016, from 9:30 - 11 a.m. Bring your camera to capture your family's photo opportunities. A craft and other entertainment will be provided. Children 2 and under are free, but please register all family members. Residents/BRC Members \$6/person; Non-Residents \$8/person. **Registration ends Monday, November 28, 2016, or when full. Please call (314) 739-5599 to register.**

BRIDGETON BEAUTIFICATION WINTER LIGHTING TOUR

The Bridgeton Beautification Commission will conduct their annual winter home & business light judging tour on Sunday, December 11, 2016, starting at 5 p.m. **NOTE:** if the weather is not favorable, we will schedule for a better day the same week or into the next week (make sure your display is ready this entire time). The commission will select ten winners based on quality of display, attractiveness and overall appearance. The winners will receive a commemorative Christmas ornament and a sign placed in their front yards showing receipt of this special recognition. Please call Angela Wright at (314) 739-5599 if you wish to nominate a friend or neighbor for the final judging. If the resident has previously received an award during the past three years, they are ineligible for 2016.



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Snow! Snow! Snow!

As we enter the winter season, please be reminded of the regulations concerning parking of cars on the street during snow periods. Please assist the City in keeping your streets drivable during and after snow storms by obeying these regulations and recognizing the snow routes.

During a snowfall and for twelve hours thereafter, parking is prohibited on both sides of streets designated as snow routes. Any vehicle parked on these streets may be towed by the Police Department at the owner's expense. During the same period, parking on all other city streets is prohibited on the odd numbered side (north or west side). In addition, parking is prohibited on all courts and cul-de-sacs.

SNOW ROUTES:

Avery Lane
Benedetta Drive
Blake Drive
Boenker Lane
Bonfils Drive (from Natural Bridge to Woodford Way)
Brampton Drive
Bristolhall Drive
Burgess Avenue
Celburne Drive
Cypress Road
Fee Fee Road (from south city limits to Carmel Ct.)
Foerster Road
Gallatin Lane
Gist Road
Haas Avenue
Harmann Estates Drive
Harmony Lane
Lindbergh Boulevard

Lockport Drive
Majella Drive
Mark Twain Lane (Between Harmann Estates Drive & St. Charles Rock Road)
McKelvey Road
Missouri Bottom Road
Natural Bridge Road
Old St. Charles Road
Raymond Avenue
Smiley Road
Spanish Village Drive
St. Charles Rock Road
Taussig Avenue
Taylor Avenue
Terry Avenue
Tideland Drive
Welland Avenue
Whitehall Manor Drive
Woodford Way