



**MARCH/APRIL 2017**

# BRIDGETON BANNER



## CHECK PRESENTED TO BACKSTOPPERS



Pictured are: President Charles Severs of the Bridgeton Kiwanis Club to Ret. Chief Jim Silvernail Backstoppers Board Member, Executive Director Chief Ron Battelle Backstoppers, Past President of Kiwanis, Lyle Downs and Chief Don Hood.

The Bridgeton Kiwanis recently presented a \$1,000 check to Backstoppers on behalf of the Bridgeton Police Department. The donation was in appreciation for their police service to the community.

## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE APRIL 4, 2017

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

**Ward 1: Robert Saeettele**  
3530 Fee Fee Rd.

**Ward 2: Jerry Grimmer**  
12016 Avery Lane

**Ward 3: Ferd Fetsch**  
3336 Tuscany Hills Court

**Ward 4: Joni Norris**  
3208 Green Ranch Dr.

Also on the ballot is the following proposition:

**Proposition P** – Shall St. Louis County impose a one-half of one percent sales tax for the purpose of providing funds to improve police and public safety in St. Louis County and each of the municipalities within St. Louis County?  
(YES / NO)

## FREE DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

The City of Bridgeton will host a Drug Enforcement Agency sponsored **FREE DRUG TAKE BACK DAY** April 29, 2017, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. No questions asked. Please collect all your unused or expired medication and bring them to the Bridgeton Police Department upper lot (12355 Natural Bridge). The main goal of this program is to keep these medications out of our water and waste systems as well as the hands of small children or drug abusers. If you cannot make the drop off date please contact the Police Department prior to April 28, 2017. Arrangements will be made to collect the medications. Bridgeton has no means to dispose of drugs after April 29, 2017. Please pass this information along to anyone and everyone you know. We are hoping for a great collection. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions please call Officer Kevin Quinlisk 314-373-3883.

## TRASH BASH!

Come out and help clean up rivers and streams in the Mississippi and Missouri River watersheds in North St. Louis County and City for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Confluence Trash Bash on Saturday, March 18, 2017, from 8 a.m.–1 p.m. Sign in is from 8–8:45 a.m. (Breakfast provided). Clean-up is from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Prizes will be awarded from 12–1 p.m. We need your help to take care of these valuable resources in our community.

All are welcome, no experience required. Bridgeton is one of the starting locations. For more information [www.greenwaynetwork.org](http://www.greenwaynetwork.org). Dress for the weather. Bring a water bottle and gloves. Leave your valuables at home. Expect to get muddy.

Students will have an opportunity to earn community service hours. You may contact Brian Petersen @ Bridgeton City Hall-Public Works 314-739-7500 for more information.

[WWW.BRIDGETONMO.COM](http://WWW.BRIDGETONMO.COM)

## 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

## NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR BRIDGETON

### CITY RANKS HIGH ON MISSOURI LISTING OF BEST PLACES TO RETIRE

The city of Bridgeton is one of the best places for individuals to retire. Residents of the city have known that for years, but now, a national financial technology company has also recognized that fact. SmartAsset listed Bridgeton as the second best city in the state of Missouri in its listing of "Best Places to Retire". The list is part of the company's third survey on best places to retire. Only Festus, in Jefferson County ranked higher.

"Bridgeton has many benefits that residents of any age would find attractive," said Mayor Terry Briggs. "We are obviously pleased with the recognition and would encourage people to come and see for themselves why Bridgeton ranks so high."

The ranking is based on a variety of factors: tax friendliness, recreational and social centers for residents and availability of medical facilities and doctors nearby. Bridgeton was the only city in St. Louis County to rank in the top ten places to retire in Missouri.

"The city's recreation center, opened a year ago, provides those of retirement age as well as all residents opportunities to remain healthy and fit. This was one of the factors Bridgeton scored high on," said Mayor Briggs. "Bridgeton also is home to excellent medical facilities, with DePaul Hospital housed here and with it, a number of physician offices and medical labs."

The mayor also noted Bridgeton has a very diverse tax base which helps keep taxes at very reasonable levels. The city's property tax, for instance, is only 16-cents per \$100 of assessed valuation and has not changed for decades. The city also does not tax residents for personal property.

SmartAsset is composed of financial experts who study and report on financial statistics across the country. The company produces studies that offer insight on topics such as retirement, home buying, taxes and financial planning.

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## BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION CORRECTION

The Beautification Commission would like to make a correction with one of its 2016 Winter Lighting Award Honorable Mention winners. Michael and Neota Anderson are the Honorable Mention lighting winners residing at 11829 Beaverton. Kudos to Mr. & Mrs. Anderson for helping to make our neighborhoods special!

## PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2017

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 Community Center or City Hall. The City of Bridgeton is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## BRIDGETON BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION SPRING PLANT GIVE-AWAY

The Beautification Commission will distribute complimentary red poppies in small pots to Bridgeton residents on Sat., April 22, 2017, 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 and are asking that drivers stay in your car. This is an attempt to make it quicker and safer 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.

## BERRY HILL GOLF COURSE NOW OPEN

Berry Hill Golf Course opened for the 2017 season March 1. This is also the 50 Year Anniversary of Bridgeton's Berry Hill Golf Course! Come on out, enjoy the challenges it provides and experience the quality of its maintenance! The grounds crew has made many improvements through the years and continues to keep Berry Hill GC in great shape!

A few of our early events: March 18, 2017: St. Pats 2-Person Scramble; April 22, 2017: Spring Classic-27 holes of individual play. Sign up at Berry Hill.

Please visit the website events and information regarding the golf course.



### LONGTIME COUNCILMAN DIES

Longtime Bridgeton City Councilman Andy Kasprzyk died in early March. Andy served as Ward 3 Councilman for 32 years. He was a strong advocate for the city against the airport expansion.

The city extends its sympathies to Paddy, his wife, and the rest of his family.

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP SPRING VENDOR EVENT

Come shop with our party-plan vendors without the commitment of a party—or book one while you're here. The sale is scheduled for Sunday, March 26, 2017, from 2–5 p.m. It will be held at the Bridgeton Recreation Center, 4201 Fee Fee Rd., Bridgeton, MO 63044. Admission is free for shoppers.

Currently registered vendors include: Tupperware®, LuLaRoe®, Norwex®, Mary Kay®, Thirty-One Gifts®, PartyLite®, It Works®, Avon®, Paparazzi Accessories®, Pink Zebra®, Pampered Chef®, and more. Please check our website, [www.bridgetonmo.com](http://www.bridgetonmo.com) or our Facebook page: City of Bridgeton, MO Parks and Recreation, for an updated list of vendors.

Vendor applications are currently being taken; some product restrictions apply. For more information, please call 314-739-5599.

### BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Mark Saturday, April 8, 2017, 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!) Crafts 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, April 3, 2017, or when full.

### EASTER 'BEG' HUNT

Just like the egg hunt, only for your furry children! On Sunday, April 9, 2017, 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, April 5, 2017, or when full. Pre-registration is required.

### SHE AND ME FAIRIE PRINCESS 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 1, 2017, from 1:30–3:30 p.m. We will serve tea or punch and cookies to all participants. Girls and their "she" will work together on a fairie house to take home, and we expect a special guest! Bring your camera and dress as your favorite fairie or princess for tea. Registration closes Monday, March 27, 2017, 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.





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CITY OF BRIDGETON

12355 Natural Bridge Rd.  
Bridgeton, MO 63044

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U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
St. Louis, MO  
Permit No. 1062

## BRIDGETON'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IS LESS THAN FIVE MONTHS AWAY

Honoring First Responders is the theme of Bridgeton's annual Independence Day parade. Along with honoring Police, Fire, EMS and Ambulatory personnel, we are also looking for you to show the patriotic spirit of America. Break out the red, white and blue and honor special Americans and everything that makes up this great nation. (i.e. military personnel, charitable organizations, national monuments, states, sports teams, etc.) This year's winning float will be awarded a \$250 cash prize so be creative! Entry forms will be available starting March 15, 2017.

**The deadline for entries is Monday, June 5, 2017.**

The parade begins Tuesday, July 4, 2017, at 10 a.m. in the St. Gerard subdivision and hits Natural Bridge around 10:30 a.m.

Evening activities will be held at the Bridgeton Athletic Complex beginning at 6 p.m. The evening will include a band, food, food trucks and a spectacular fireworks display at dusk.

