



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017

BRIDGETON BANNER



CITY INTENDS TO SPEND MONEY ON POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Earlier this year, Bridgeton residents, along with those in the rest of St. Louis County overwhelmingly approved Proposition P, a 1/2 cent increase in the county-wide sales tax rate. While there have been some media reports about municipalities planning to spend their money for different public functions, the city of Bridgeton plans on spending the money the way the voters indicated they wanted it spent; on public safety.

During a mid-year budget session, the city council agreed with the administration's recommendations that the money the city anticipates receiving as its share of Proposition P, \$550,000, will be spent on – activities all directly related to public safety.

"We will honor what the voters said they wanted the money spent on, helping the police and courts keep their cities safe," said Mayor Terry Briggs.

Specifically, the city will appropriate its share in the following ways: \$234,000 will be used for the city police officers' pensions. While this will not cover the entire amount of money the city will contribute towards officers' pensions, it does help the city reach its goal of contributing \$1.4 million for city employees' pensions.

\$68,000 is planned to pay for the salary and benefits of an additional dispatcher within the police department. This additional person will help with scheduling issues.

\$62,000 will be appropriate to pay for a full time clerk for Bridgeton's prosecuting attorney. Legislation passed by the Missouri General Assembly two years ago requires cities with municipal courts to have a separate clerk just for the prosecuting attorney to keep

records. This position has already been created and filled by an individual, even before the funding from Proposition P becomes available.

\$20,000 will be used to increase the starting salary of entry-level officers hired by Bridgeton. The city must raise the starting salaries in order to attract qualified applicants and compete with other cities. This will increase the starting salaries for Bridgeton police officers by eight percent or to \$53,104. The \$20,000 figure was arrived at by anticipating five new hires in the next fiscal year. And \$166,000 will be used to increase the salaries of all uniformed Bridgeton officers by 5% in the next fiscal year. Already, the city has lost one officer this year to another municipality because

that city increased its pay right after Proposition P passed. We must remain competitive, salary and benefit wise, with other cities to keep our police officers with us.

The five items listed above total the \$550,000; the amount the city anticipates receiving as its share of Proposition P revenues. The new tax will start being collected in October with cities receiving their shares starting in January 2018.

"Bridgeton has the best police department in St. Louis County and one of the best in the state of Missouri," said Mayor Briggs. "I believe the residents have no problems showing their support for the officers by having the city allocate this money this way."

With the exception of the prosecuting attorney clerk, these expenditures will be incorporated into the city's 2018 fiscal year budget, which begins January 1, 2018.

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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

NOMINATING PETITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE OCTOBER 2, FOR OFFICE OF COUNCILPERSON (ONE IN EACH WARD) FOR THE APRIL 3, 2018 ELECTION

Nominating petitions will be available in the City Clerk's office October 2, 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

FILING FOR OFFICE OPENS 8:30 A.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018, AND CLOSSES AT 5:00 P.M. MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018. PETITIONS ARE TO BE FILED IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS AT CITY HALL.



Pictured are Mayor Briggs presenting a Resolution from the City of Bridgeton to Jeff and Tim Braneky.

BRANNEKY HARDWARE CELEBRATES 160TH ANNIVERSARY

Braneky Hardware celebrated their 160th anniversary in July. The Braneky family has played an instrumental role in the development of the City of Bridgeton. The business is now being operated by fourth generation family members, Jeff and Tim Braneky.



TOUR HISTORIC FEE FEE CEMETERY

Join the Bridgeton Historical Commission for a walking tour of Fee Fee Cemetery Saturday, September 16, 2017, 1-3 p.m. Hear stories of people who made the cemetery their final resting place. Learn about origins of our community from volunteers stationed around the cemetery. A fee of \$5 per adult and \$3 per child 4-15 years old, will benefit the Bridgeton Historical Society for repairs and upkeep of the Payne Gentry House.

*Ground is uneven and not suitable for walkers or wheelchairs. Parking is at Fee Fee Baptist Church at 11330 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton 63044 and a free shuttle to the Cemetery will be provided.

The shuttle will return to Fee Fee Church where you may visit the Memorial Chapel (erected 1870) and view the church historical display. Light refreshments and restrooms are available at the church.

Contact the Bridgeton Recreation Center at (314) 739-5599 with questions.

2018 HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Federal funds are available for the Home Improvement Program (HIP), a program to provide technical advice and financial assistance to qualified homeowners for a variety of home repairs. St. Louis County's Office of Community Development, Home Improvement Program staff, administers the program.

An applicant must be the owner and occupant of the property. Household income from all occupants must meet established low-moderate income guidelines, and homeowners must be current with their St. Louis County real estate taxes. Applicants are added to a waiting list and served on a first-come first-served basis until all funds are committed. **To apply, call 615-8232.**



WE HAVE OUR CLUB CHAMPION!

Berry Hill Golf Course held their Club Championship on Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13. Fifty-one players competed in the two day, 36-hole stroke play tournament. Competitors were flighted after their first day of play.



Congratulations to Rob Scherer who

won the championship by shooting a two-day total of 146 (75/71). Also, "Hats Off" to Dave Guinn, Sr. for his HOLE-IN-ONE Saturday on hole #2. Both Rob and Dave received our special 50th Anniversary golf flag. Here are the tournament winners:

FLIGHT	PLAYER	2-DAY TOTAL	FINISH
Championship	Rob Scherer	146	Overall Club Champion
	Scott Horton	148	2nd Place
	Scott Downs	149	Tie 3rd Place
	Don Casey	149	Tie 3rd Place
First Flight	Greg Beishir	162	1st Place
	Bill Smith	163	2nd Place
	Andy Sansone	164	Tie 3rd Place
	Dave Pini	164	Tie 3rd Place
	Chris Downs	164	Tie 3rd Place
	Mark Moriarty	164	Tie 3rd Place
Second Flight	Jeff Sheneberger	164	1st Place
	Sam Tumminia	167	2nd Place
	Dan Maupin	168	3rd Place
	Matt Dobbs	174	4th Place
Third Flight	A J Porter	167	1st Place
	Andy Long	172	2nd Place
	Jeff Porter	174	3rd Place
	Denny Buckley	177	4th Place
Fourth Flight	Mike Phillips	177	1st Place
	John Gomez	182	2nd Place
	Rory Branneky	184	3rd Place
	John Killian	188	4th Place

UPCOMING EVENTS...

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: A FREE HALLOWEEN EVENT FOR BRC MEMBERS AND BRIDGETON RESIDENTS

There's nothing scary about this fun-filled Halloween event suitable for kids ages 3 to 10. Join us on **Friday, October 27** from **6-8:30 p.m.** at the **Bridgeton Recreation Center** for Halloween games and activities. Kids can play carnival-type games to win tickets and redeem those tickets for prizes. There will also be non-game activities such as crafts and face painting. Come in costume; we will award prizes for the cutest, scariest, and most original costumes, as well as a special prize for the best-costumed family. All participants entering the costume contest must have their photo taken by 7:30 p.m. Non-residents and their children may attend the event at a cost of **\$5 per child (ages 3+)**. Each child will receive some game tickets on entry, but some games may require additional tickets, which are available for a nominal amount.

FLU SHOTS

The Bridgeton Community Center, in cooperation with Walgreens Pharmacies will be administering flu shots to area residents and senior citizens on **Wednesday, October 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** No appointments are needed, as there is an adequate supply of vaccine. Medicare Part B participants will receive immunizations at no charge and Walgreens will also accept all major insurance plans. For more information regarding this event, please contact Mary Lane or Joe Campbell at **314-739-5599**.

FALL CLASSIC AT BERRY HILL

Berry Hill Golf Course will hold its annual Fall Classic tournament on **Saturday, October 7, 2017**. This is a 27 hole, individual stroked play event. Contact the Golf Course for entry information at **314-731-7979**.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION LANDSCAPING TOUR

With anticipation of transitioning from warmer weather to cooler weather, the Beautification Commission would like to remind residents of our program rewarding those whose yards reflect the best of the late summer and the shades of early fall seasons.

The commission's next landscaping tour will take place the second week of October around the 12th (weather permitting).

The Beautification Commission welcomes nominations from the public. Please call Angela Wright **314-739-5599** at the Community Center or contact any Bridgeton Beautification Commission member no later than October 10, 2017.

PLEASE REMEMBER

When walking any of the trails in our City, please have your dog(s) on a leash. No bicycles or motorized vehicles are allowed on the BMAC and Gentry Park-Hickory Woods trails. However, bicycles are allowed at the Riverwoods Park and Earth City Levee Trails (no motorized vehicles).



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TREE LIMB PICK-UP SCHEDULE

HOMES NORTH OF I-70**

Week beginning:

10/2 and 10/16
11/6 and 11/20
12/4 and 12/18
*1/1 and 1/15
2/5 and *2/19
3/5 and 3/19
4/2 and 4/16

HOMES SOUTH OF I-70**

Week beginning:

10/9 and 10/23
11/13 and 11/27
12/11 and *12/25
1/8 and 1/22
2/12 and 2/26
3/12 and 3/26
4/9 and 4/23

*Due to Monday holidays, tree limb pick-up begins on Tuesday of these specific weeks.