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City of Parkville



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Residential Newsletter Spring 2012



A note from the Mayor

Spring is on the way! So is a new Mayor! This is my last newsletter as your Mayor. As my final term winds down, I will prepare to shift my thoughts from potholes to golf holes, and from casting my vote to casting my fishing line.

As usual there is a lot of good news for Parkville. The widening of 45 Highway/Tom Watson Parkway is proceeding nicely and with good weather will be substantially complete this year. I am confident that this project will have a huge ripple effect on development, especially commercial development, in Parkville. The new 9 Highway bridge over the White Aloe is in place and the additional lane is improving traffic flow even more than expected. It looks great too! In partnership with Platte County, we are looking forward to some very exciting improvements in both English Landing Park and Platte Landing Park. We now project an April 12th re-opening of English Landing Park from the flood closure. We have a new medical center under construction, right across from City Hall, that promises an entirely new approach to medical care delivery. We have a new pedestrian trail on the way that will connect to the existing trail at 45 Highway and wind southward to the Parkville Community Center. And we are undertaking a study of the "FF Corridor" in our Historic Downtown to find cost effective ways to improve flow for all kinds of traffic, cars, pedestrians, bicycles and perhaps even golf carts.

While I look forward to new challenges, I am incredibly proud to have served as your Mayor for four years. I have learned a great deal and will never forget the experience. As I look back, I think my first big "learning moment" was when I brought forward consideration of a smoking ban. Wow, what a way to start a term! I knew it was a controversial issue but I underestimated the public reaction both in support and opposition. But with perseverance, and thanks to an outstanding Board of Aldermen, we got the ban in place with a unanimous vote. The economy has been rough during the last four years, but we managed to increase spending on basic services (law enforcement, street repair, park maintenance and improvements, etc) and still run a significant operating surplus every year. I am proud that over the years we have substantially increased the balance in our Emergency Reserve Fund.

Without a doubt, the Mayoral experience that I will always remember was the Flood of 2011. It is ironic that the worst thing that happened to Parkville while I was Mayor, was also the most overwhelmingly positive experience for me as Mayor. Our friends and neighbors in the community turned out to support us and with their help, we succeeded in placing flood protection well beyond our own means. But most rewarding to me personally was the support and sacrifice from the citizens of Parkville. You should be forever proud of the way you responded to protect your City.

I wish you all and the new administration the very best,

Gerry Richardson
Parkville Mayor

Thanks so much!



I am very grateful for the opportunity I have had the past two and a half years to represent Parkville's Ward 2.

I appreciate the opportunity Mayor Richardson offered me to serve on the Board of Aldermen after Alderman Dave McCoy's passing, and the opportunity the Ward's voters gave me the following year to continue. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with my colleagues on the Board, and with the fine people serving on the City's various departments and staff.

I hope that my involvement will provide some lasting value to the City, and that I may find a way to become involved and contribute again in the future. We enjoy a special community of which we can all be very proud!

Sincerely yours,
Scott McRuer
Ward 2 Alderman
City of Parkville, Missouri

New City of Parkville Web site coming soon

The city of Parkville will be getting a new web site design and they are interested in any features or services that you would like it to have.



One feature that will be coming with this change is the opportunity for the residents to sign up to receive e-mails. The e-mails will be

broken down into several categories such as by Ward, Neighborhood, Police, Park, Highway and City Hall.

To sign up for these e-mails or have comments or suggestions on the future web design, please e-mail them to cityadministrator@parkvillemo.com Your e-mail address will be secure and used for this purpose only.



HHW Collection Facility

4707 Deramus
(just south of the
Chouteau Bridge)
816-513-8400

Hours

Thursday and Friday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Kansas City facility no longer requires appointments to drop off materials.

Additional materials are accepted at the collection facility. For a complete list or for more information about the HHW program and ways to safely dispose of materials call Nadja Karpilow at 816-701-8226 or visit www.recyclespot.org.

Mobile Collection Events Acceptable items

Anti-freeze, Batteries, Oil and Paint

Many of these materials are a fire hazard and if not disposed of properly, pollute our streams and lakes. MARC Solid Waste Managements District manages this program. A majority of the materials are recycled.

Parkville residents are able to participate in any HHW mobile collection event in Lee Summit and Kansas City.

Stop unwanted mail

Free service to opt out of catalogs, coupons, credit card offers, phone books, circulars and more.

- **Reduce clutter**
Billions of unwanted mailings are thrown away each year. Opt out with Catalog Choice, and simplify your life.
- **Protect your privacy**
By removing your name from marketers' databases, Catalog Choice helps to protect your privacy.
- **Help the environment**
With over a million members and growing, we are saving natural resources.



www.catalogchoice.org

HAPPENINGS...in and around town

Parkville and Riverside cities are hosting the first annual

Recycling Extravaganza

Saturday, April 21

8:00 a.m. to noon

Pursell Construction

6105 NW Riverpark Drive, Riverside

(off 9 Highway between Parkville and Riverside)

Hillcrest Thrift Store

Car batteries and NI-cad rechargeable batteries

Oil and Antifreeze

(absouteuseoil.com)

Restore

(restorekc.org)

Revolve bicycles

(revolvekc.org) **usable and broken bikes accepted**

Shred-it Paper Shredding

(shredit.com) **4 box limit**

Surplus Exchange

(surplusexchange.org) **fees may apply**

North Kansas City Iron Company

(northkansascityiron.com)

Automobile Tires

Prescription drugs

Plant Trade

to donate or select

Prescription glasses and sunglasses

(lenscrafters.com)

Tennis balls

(rebounces.com)

Unusable athletic shoes

(nikereuseashoe.com)

HDR Inc

(HDRinc.com)

One stop to donate all your unwanted items!

For a complete list of accepted material, please check the participants Web site where provided. **FREE** for residents and businesses. No I.D. needed.

Non residents of hosting cities are welcome to participate



Farmers Market opens
Saturday, April 28

Saturday market open
7:00 a.m.-noon

Wednesday market
begins in June
and will be open
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m

Save the date...

Platte
Senior Services Inc.

**Celebrating
30 years!**

**Miles
For Meals**



Walk, Run, Senior Crawl

2k Senior Crawl and 5k Walk/Run Event at Zona Rosa

Step up and help feed the need by raising

awareness of senior hunger in our community.

For information or registration
forms contact: 816 270 4100
www.platteseniors.org

April 22, 2012

Spring Clean up of Bulky Waste

Saturday April 14 &

Sunday April 15

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

6105 N.W. Riverpark Drive, Riverside

Curbside Service is April 16

Proof of residency is required

Sorry, no businesses allowed



Acceptable items

Small limbs (don't have to be bundled or tied)
Bagged leaves and grass (no plastic bags)
Used batteries
Scrap metal
Water heaters
Auto parts
Metal products
Air conditioners (without compressor)
Washers and dryers (without motor)
Tires
Furniture
Miscellaneous debris

NON acceptable items

Paint
Air conditioner compressors
Washer/dryer motors
Household hazardous waste items

If you're arriving in a trailer or pickup, please cover items with a tarp.

Thursday, April 26th

Membership Luncheon
at The National

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Debbie Leonard,
featured speaker

Cost is \$30 and
includes guest



For more information on
these activities please visit
www.parkvillechamber.com
or call 816-587-2700

Tuesday, June 26th

Golf Outing
at The Deuce

Shotgun Start at 9:00 a.m.

\$600 per team



Saturday, May 5th English Landing Park

Proceeds support the ministry of caring for
orphaned and abandoned children.

Join *The Global Orphan Project* for a morning of fun and exercise at the third-annual *GO Project Family 5K*. Bring your family, invite your friends, or even form your own team to run (or walk) to help orphaned and abandoned children around the world. Then stay for breakfast by *Chris Cakes* and kids' activities immediately following the race. Great prizes will be given out to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place male and female runners, for the team with the most members, and for the team who raises the most support for the kids.

*For more information or to register visit www.theglobalorphanproject.org
Online registrations closes Wednesday, May 2nd*

Take a Break from the Ordinary in Historic Downtown Parkville



While shopping malls everywhere race to convert to the look of yesterday's small-town shopping districts, and new centers sprout up with "village" atmospheres and open-air architecture, Historic Downtown Parkville prevails as a genuine example of what other areas strive to be. But as hard as the newer districts try, they can't overcome the sameness of the chain stores and restaurants that inhabit them.

Historic Downtown Parkville offers visitors the "real thing" when it comes to nostalgic downtown ambience, and "something else" to shoppers who are burned out on today's cookie-cutter stores. Most of the original buildings still stand on Main Street and house a diverse mix of locally owned shops and dining establishments, as well as professional services for families, homes and businesses. From antiques to ant farms, gourmet teas to tee shirts, rubber stamps to ribbon trim, fine art to financial planning – this delightful old town district offers it all and more, along with a welcome break from the same old thing.

Spend a day, a weekend or just a few hours – there's always something to see and do. Take a stroll along the river front. Savor a good cup of coffee or fragrant tea. Play a round of miniature golf. Browse antiques and locally crafted art and jewelry. Taste great wines. Find a unique gift. Get your hair done. Or relax and watch the trains go by as you dine on French, Mediterranean, Mexican, Italian, American or South American cuisine. You'll also want to take in at least one, if not all, of the many annual festivals and events.

To learn more about Historic Downtown Parkville and for the latest information about annual festivals and other events, visit www.parkvillemo.org or call the Main Street Parkville Association office; 816-505-2227.

Parkville After Hours - Come for the fun. Stay for dinner. Reserve the last Friday of every month for special evening entertainment featuring guest artists and musicians, plus special activities at participating shops and restaurants. The action starts at 6:00 p.m.

Cruise Nights - Cool wheels and cool tunes. Find your ultimate dream car, browse the shops and grab a bite at one of the area's terrific eateries. Saturday: April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd, August 4th, and September 1st, starting at 4:00 p.m. in the Farmer's Market parking lot.

Eighth Annual Microbrewfest - You'll taste some of the finest crafted beers from throughout the region, but buy your tickets early. This popular event sells out fast. Saturday, April 21st, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Jazz, Blues and Fine Art River Jam - Treat yourself to non-stop music, shopping, food and fun on the banks of the Missouri River. Friday and Saturday, June 15th and 16th, in English Landing Park.

4th of July Celebration - A taste of good-old-fashioned Americana, this traditional salute to Independence Day includes a parade, a carnival, fireworks and more. Wednesday, July 4th through Saturday, July 7th.

Parkville Days - It's a last blast of summer featuring nothing but fun, live music, art and craft booths, a carnival, food, games, a parade and more. Friday, August 17th through Sunday, August 19th in English Landing Park

Halloween Safe Trick-or-Treat - All little witches, ghosts, goblins and ghouls (and pirates, too) are invited to trick or treat at participating shops and businesses. Saturday, October 27th during regular business hours.

Christmas on the River - This wonderful family-style celebration greets the season with live entertainment, special activities, holiday shopping, Santa's arrival and a spectacular firework display. Friday, December 7th.

From Kevin Chrisman, Parkville Chief of Police

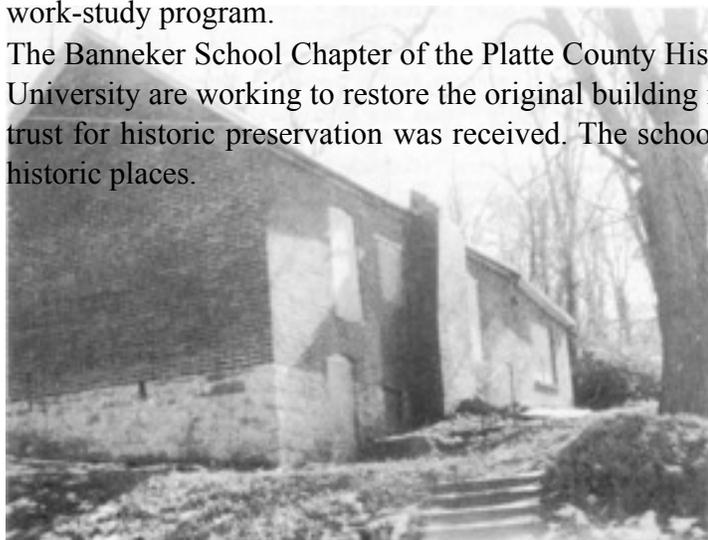
As the weather gets nicer and spring approaches, residents need to remember to close garage doors if they are not going to be nearby. Also do not keep valuables within plain view inside vehicles, locked or unlocked. Prefer locked!



Banneker School Restoration Project

The Benjamin Banneker School, located at 31 West 8th Street, is the first African-American school in Platte County. This one-room brick school was built in 1885 with construction help from Park University students work-study program.

The Banneker School Chapter of the Platte County Historical Society, some of the school descendants and Park University are working to restore the original building into a school museum. In 2009, a grant from the national trust for historic preservation was received. The school is now on a list as one of Missouri's most endangered historic places.



If you would like to help by giving a monetary donation to this project, mail your tax deductible contribution to:

Platte County Historical Society
Banneker School Restoration
P. O. Box 103
Platte City, MO 64079-0103



What's Happening at ...

Now through April 27 - Negro Leagues Baseball Museum "Shades of Greatness" Exhibit, Campanella Gallery

April - number of opportunities for residents to catch the Pirates baseball and softball teams in action on the Parkville Campus. A complete athletics schedule can be found at http://www.parkathletics.com/news/dept/all_events.shtml#/?i=1

April 4 - Dr. Jerzy Hauptmann Distinguished Guest Lecture Series: Dr. Walter D. Broadnax, 6:00 p.m., Kansas City MO Public Library Central Library (<http://www.park.edu/grad/lecture.aspx>)

April 6 - Ethnic Voices Poetry Series: Aracelis Girmay, 7:00 p.m., American Jazz Museum, 1616 E. 18th Street, Kansas City, MO (<http://www.park.edu/ethnicpoetry/2011-2012.html>)

April 9-12 - Student Research and Creative Arts Symposium, Parkville Campus (<http://www.park.edu/symposium/>)

April 13 - Cultural Sharing Event 2012: Federated States of Micronesia - Dinner: 4:30 p.m., Thompson Commons Cafeteria, Program: 6:30 p.m. David Theater (Alumni Hall) *There is a charge for the dinner portion of the event*

April 30-June 1 - Graduating Seniors Art Exhibit, Campanella Gallery (McAfee Memorial Library)

May 6 - Philharmonic of Greater Kansas City Concert: Beethoven's 9th Symphony, 3:00 p.m., Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel (<http://www.kcphilharmonia.org/>) *There is a charge for this event*

May 12 - Kansas City Area Commencement, 11:00 a.m., Community of Christ Auditorium, Independence, MO

May 14 - May semester classes begin (www.park.edu/admissions)

June 4 - Summer Session, June semester classes begin (www.park.edu/admissions)

June 4-July 14 - Susan Grace Art Exhibit, Campanella Gallery (McAfee Memorial Library)

**All events are FREE and on the Parkville Campus, unless noted
Links are provided if available**

Economic Development Council News



The new Parkville Economic Development Council logo was developed, as a part of the Parkville Plan for Progress, to create a brand easily identified with Parkville and to market our community in a proactive manner that highlights the benefits of living, working, learning and playing in the City of Parkville. The City of Parkville along with the Parkville Area Chamber of Commerce also adopted the logo. Having a shared

logo creates a unified marketing effort between the City, Chamber and EDC.

Additional marketing efforts by the EDC include its Web site, which is currently under construction. This Web site, www.parkvilleedc.com will include information about commercial real estate in Parkville, links and information about its partners as well as general community information. Keep checking the site for the latest additions.

Parkville Nature Sanctuary Day Camp

June 6-8
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Ages 8-10
\$40.00 per person



There will be various stations where the kids will rotate and learn about nature. Activities at some of the stations will be:

- A tree identification hike
- Decorate t-shirts with leaf imprints (t-shirts provided)
- Collect insects with nets and identify them
- Nature art
- Animal skull identification
- Build a bird house or feeder
- Seine invertebrates out of the creek
- Additional fun hikes

There will be a weenie roast (food provided) for lunch on the last day. There will also be naturalists from Lakeside Nature Center and the Discovery Center giving live presentations on various Missouri animals. The day camp will finish with a hike through the waterfalls creek which is about 1/4 of a mile in length.

To sign up, call Jim Reed at 816-741-0820. The Parkville Nature Sanctuary is located at Highway 9 and 12th Street at the bottom of the hill east of the Platte County Health Department.

Stop unwanted phone calls

The No-Call law allows Missourians to reduce unwanted telemarketing calls made to their homes by signing up for the No Call list, which is managed by the Attorney General's Office. There is no cost to get on the list. For more information or to register your home phone number visit ago.mo.gov/nocalllaw or call 866-buzzoff 866-289-9633.



Community News

Highway 45 widening continues through 2012

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) continues safety improvements and widening along 45 Highway between 9 Highway and Route K. Crews have finished phase one of four. In February they were nearing a halfway mark for finishing construction of the new eastbound lanes of Route 45.

As construction continues this year, motorists should expect delays and temporary closures on streets accessing Route 45 while the intersections are rebuilt. Refer to the MoDOT 45 Highway project page at www.modot.org/kansascity/major_projects/route45_000.htm for updated information on closing, detours and anticipated delays.

Despite utility relocation delays early in the project, the aggressive schedule is on track for an early 2013 completion. Currently, crews are finishing drainage, grading and concrete paving to complete the new lanes for eastbound Route 45 and started construction for westbound lanes.

For further information about this project and others, please visit MoDOT's Website at www.modot.mo.gov/kansascity. For instant updates, follow MoDOT_KC on Twitter or send questions and comments to kccommunityrelations@modot.mo.gov. MoDOT also asks for your feedback on the 45 Highway work zone. Rate this and other MoDOT work zones at www.modot.org/kansascity.

Sharing the road with golf carts

The Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance making golf carts and low speed vehicles legal as a form of transportation on specified streets in the City of Parkville. They are only permitted on roads with a 25 m.p.h. speed limit and are able to cross Highways 9 and 45, not travel on them. A golf cart registration form is available at City Hall and the annual registration fee is \$50.00. The following information is needed to complete registration: owner information such as personal identification, year, make, model, color, VIN number and proof of insurance. Drivers must be licensed to operate a motor vehicle as provided by the Missouri Traffic Regulations. Golf Carts will be required to follow motor vehicle rules and regulations. For additional information, please call City Hall at 741-7676.

The benefits of a Parkville business license

With a few exceptions, any business selling or offering goods or services in the City of Parkville is legally required to obtain a business license. The City's licensing requirements are intended to ensure City, County and State taxes are properly collected and businesses are compliant with City, County and State regulations. Our licensing regulations also help protect our citizens by ensuring building, health and life-safety codes are met, and minimizing the potential for fraudulent businesses operating in Parkville.

Whether located inside or outside the City limits, any business that sells any goods or services, solicits business or offers goods or services for sale or hire, or acquires or uses any vehicle or any premises in the City for business purposes is required to have a Parkville business license prior to operating, selling or soliciting business in the City limits. It is important for businesses to meet these licensing requirements before opening or operating in Parkville. Applying for a business license ensures that the new business owner's infrastructure, plans and policies are in line with city regulations. In addition to making the business legal to operate, business licenses also boost credibility and help the owner ensure they are compliant with City, County and State requirements. A business license can also help increase customer confidence in a business. Customers are often wary of new businesses. A business license is one way of showing that a business is legitimate.

A license is another way to expose your business to potential customers. Licensed businesses are listed on the City webpage. Additionally, residents often call requesting information about companies and contractors licensed to do business in Parkville. This information can help a resident ensure he or she is working with a properly licensed business that is approved to do work in Parkville.

If you are interested in knowing which businesses are licensed, or want more information on how to license your business, visit www.parkvillemo.com (see business tab) or call City Hall at 816-741-7676.

Building permits help you protect your investment

Your home or business is one of the single biggest investments you'll ever make — let Parkville help you protect it. Building permits and inspections help ensure your home and business is built right and remains safe.

The truth is building permits are very beneficial to you, your neighborhood and the City. Permits help protect the value of your investment. An owner who can show that code requirements were strictly and consistently met can assure insurers, lenders, buyers and others that the work was done correctly and in conformance with Parkville's adopted codes.

The best way to find out if you need a permit is to call City Hall at 816-741-7676. Our building official and inspector are happy to discuss your project and help determine whether you need a permit. Permits are usually required for new buildings, additions/enhancements, renovations, electrical/plumbing systems, HVAC systems and similar building projects. Even if a permit isn't needed, our staff can provide valuable advice. For more information call the Community Development Department at 816-741-7676.

Check out board meeting agendas

Regular Parkville Board of Aldermen meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Board room at City Hall, 8880 Clark Avenue. To check out the Board meeting agenda in advance, you can go to the city website at www.parkvillemo.com anytime after 8 p.m. on the Friday evening before the Board meeting. On the opening page of the website, just click on "Your Government", then "Mayor and Board of Alderman" where you can see current and past agendas and recent videos.

Parkville Board of Aldermen and Staff appreciate your input. To contact your Aldermen, the Mayor or City Staff with questions or comments regarding any matter of interest or pending agenda item, please feel free to phone, email or write them. Contact information for the Mayor, Aldermen and Staff are posted online at parkvillemo.com and also available from the city hall reception desk at 816-741-7676.

Should you wish to address the Board under Citizen Input on a regular Board meeting agenda, simply submit your request to the city clerk before the agenda closes at Noon on the Thursday prior to the Board meeting. Citizens requesting to be placed on the agenda are asked to provide a brief written description of the topic and any suggestion(s) or action(s) requested. Being listed under citizen input on the agenda and providing a brief written description of the topic and action requested allows the rest of the public an opportunity to be aware of an issue so they can attend if they are interested, and affords the Board of Aldermen and City Staff the ability to better understand your concern or issue ahead of time so they can be prepared to act if necessary.

English Landing Park and Arbor Day ceremony

Please join us for the re-opening of English Landing Park. The Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Community Land and Recreation Board and city staff will host a ribbon cutting at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate the official re-opening of the park. The day will also include a tree planting in recognition of Arbor Day. The tree planting is coordinated with the re-opening of the park, to symbolize the re-birth of the park following the 2011 flood, which killed approximately 100 trees throughout the park. The Arbor Day tree will be one of several trees to be planted in the park this year.

Boy and Girl Scouts to help plant 1,200 trees and shrubs

On March 28th and 31st, area Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will help plant 1,200 total native trees and shrubs along the south side of Rush Creek. The project is being coordinated by the Platte County Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with the City of Parkville, Missouri Department of Conservation and the Heartland Tree Alliance. The plantings are intended to help restore the riparian corridor, to help prevent creek bank erosion and to restore native habitat. Please contact Noel Challis at Platte County Parks and Recreation at 816-858-1808 for additional information.

How are your taxpayers dollars spent in the 2012 budget?



**OVERALL OBJECTIVES
AND BUDGETED
CAPITAL
EXPENDITURES**
\$4,092,500.00

GENERAL FUND

The General Fund includes those revenues and expenditures necessary to support many of the City's basic services. Monies in

this fund finance the following: Administration, Police, Municipal Court, Public Works, Community Development, Streets, Parks and Recreation, Nature Sanctuary, Channel 2 and most contractual obligations, such as Liability and Hazard Insurance.

ADMINISTRATION \$1,522,150.00

The Administration Department will not make any major purchases in this budget. The General Fund budget does include funding to acquire professional services from an expert to offer future flood protection solutions.

POLICE \$1,083,200.00

The Police Department's capital purchase for 2012 will be one Sports Utility Vehicle and a Countywide Public Safety Communication System. These projects will be funded from the Municipal Equipment Reserve Fund.

MUNICIPAL COURT \$146,750.00

The Municipal Court will not have any significant purchases in this budget.

PUBLIC WORKS \$108,050.00

This Department has several projects budgeted for 2012. Among these include two grant projects, Livable Communities and the Transportation Enhancement, as well as Erosion Control Projects. These projects will be funded from the Capital Projects Fund.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT \$283,000.00

This Department has two significant expenditures in the 2012 Budget: the 45 Highway Corridor Master-plan/Regulation update and the Zoning Code/Subdivision Regulation Update. These projects will be funded from the Capital Projects Fund.

STREETS \$640,600.00

The Street Department will continue the Asphalt Overlay Program, Crack Seal and Slurry Seal and the Curb and Sidewalk Program, as well as purchase a Uniloader. These projects will be funded from the Municipal Equipment Reserve Fund and the Transportation Fund.

PARKS \$253,800.00

The Parks and Recreation Department has numerous budgeted projects in 2012, including the painting of the A-Truss Bridge, purchasing a Gator, two City entry signs, English Landing Park restroom renovations, a new Parks and Recreation building, rubber mulch replacement, playground equipment replacement and improvements to the Pump Station building. These projects will be funded from the Municipal Equipment Reserve Fund and the Capital Projects Fund. This department will continue to make application to acquire grants to fund the various improvements to English Landing Park.

NATURE SANCTUARY \$18,250.00

There are no significant purchases or projects budgeted in the 2012 Budget.

CHANNEL 2 \$36,700.00

Outside of the normal operations, the 2012 budget does not reflect any significant purchases.

To all users of Route 169 north of the Wheeler Downtown Airport

MoDOT plans major repairs on Route 169 along the Missouri River beginning in late July through the remainder of this year. The work is both necessary and urgent, but will create a significant, long-term traffic disruption along an important link between Downtown Kansas City and Northland communities.

The work is expected to take up to five months, which will require closure of both the southbound lanes and northbound lanes of Route 169. Motorists will continue to have access to Wheeler Downtown Airport from Downtown via the Broadway Bridge and from Harlem Road to the east. Detours will be to Heart of America, Fairfax and Bond bridges.

For more information visit the MoDOT Web page.

http://www.modot.org/kansascity/major_projects/Route%20169/Route_169_Wall_Replacement.htm

Interview With Nick Bloch on Business Recycling



Nick Bloch

Nick manages Parkville Commons Shopping Center and was recently asked about his recycling experience for the businesses he manages.

When did you begin to provide recycling for your businesses? And why?

Parkville Commons has been using the co-mingle recycle bins since September of last year. Any time you get the chance to help the environment, especially when it isn't costly or inconvenient, you do it.

Is it much work to separate the material into the different bins?

We have two different Deffenbaugh recycle bins - one for cardboard only and the other a co-mingle bin that accepts paper, aluminum

and plastic. In addition, we have a Ripple Glass bin. All of the bins are clearly labeled and our tenants are more than happy to make the extra effort to discard recyclable trash accordingly whether it's separating the glass from the aluminum or breaking down cardboard boxes.

Are many businesses participating in the program? What is their feedback?

All of our merchants seem to be using the recycling program and are happy to do so.

Have there been any problems with this change?

None so far.

What fees are associated with this?

The addition of the recycle bins has allowed us to decrease the frequency of regular trash pickups causing the increase in overall trash costs to be very minimal.

Have you adjusted your trash pick-up frequency since this began?

We've already had to double the frequency of the recycle pickups!

Is there anything you would tell businesses that are not currently recycling?

My advice to businesses not recycling would be, "do it."

The city's environmental committee is beginning work on recycling at some events in Parkville. If you would like to be a part of this program please contact city hall at 741-7676.



By setting the cruise control in your car you can improve your fuel efficiency on the highway. Cruise control will help you maintain a steady speed, resulting in fuel savings of up to 10%.

Might save money on a speeding ticket too.



and attend an
**English Landing
Park Re-Opening
Ceremony**

Thursday, April 12th

10:00 a.m.

Intersection of McAfee
and East Streets

www.co.platte.mo.us/elections/

For election information visit

6:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 3
Polls open**



Parkville, MO 64152

8880 Clark Avenue

City of Parkville

