A note from the Mayor:

Now that our record snow is over and we are seeing our first signs of spring, we are once again excited about what 2013 will bring. The parks are ready and inside you will find information about our new park amenities and how you might reserve them for your next event. The calendar is full of community events, activities, and construction projects to keep residents busy and interested this spring and summer. The newsletter also includes facts about upcoming ballot issues, including the proposed Platte County 3/8 Cent Sales Tax and Parkville Use Tax. Thank you to our advertisers for making this newsletter possible. We hope you enjoy it and look forward to a great 2013!

Mayor Jim Brooks
City of Parkville
Community Events

2013 EVENT LINE-UP

Spring Clean-Up — April 13-14, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Damon Pursell Lot, 6305 NW River Park Drive (see page 3)
Recycling Extravaganza — April 20, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Damon Pursell Lot, 6305 NW River Park Drive (see page 3)
Microbrew Fest – April 27, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., English Landing Park (see page 5)
Nature Sanctuary Day Camp – June 5-7, Children ages 8-10, $40.00 per child, pre-registration required (see below)
River Jam: Jazz, Blues and Fine Arts – June 14-15, English Landing Park (see page 5)
4th of July Celebration & Carnival – July 3-6, English Landing Park (see page 5)
Parkville Days – August 23-25, English Landing Park
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event – August 24, more information to follow in the summer – Permanent HHW Collection Facility: 4707 Deramus, Kansas City, MO (just south of the Chouteau Bridge)
Visit recyclspot.org for hours of service and more information.
Parktoberfest – September 21, English Landing Park
Fall Clean-Up – October 12-13, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Damon Pursell Lot, 6305 NW River Park Drive
Ghost Stories – October 26, Chili at 6 p.m., Ghost Stories at 7 p.m., Adult $6.00, 12 & Under $3.00, Parkville Nature Sanctuary Girl Scout shelter (see www.parkvillenaturesanctuary.org)
Christmas on the River – December 6, English Landing Park
Board of Aldermen Meetings – 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., City Hall Boardroom

Please visit www.parkvillemo.gov/events for a complete list of events.

PARKVILLE NATURE SANCTUARY NEWS

In 2012, several trails in the White Alloe Creek Conservation Area were closed due to erosion. These trails have been redesigned; the renewal of the trail system continues in 2013.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Nature Day Camp — June 5-7, 2013
Children ages 8-10
$40.00 per child
Pre-registration required
Contact Jim Reed (816) 741-0820

A BIG WELCOME to Pat Harris as Assistant Director!

Committee Meetings
On the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Train Depot, 8701 NW River Park Drive
Open to the public

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
► Those interested in physically volunteering at the Nature Sanctuary or with the trail system renewal
► Several volunteer opportunities available for the Family Ghost Story Night on October 26, 2013

Please contact Jim Reed (816) 741-0820 or jimreed@kc.rr.com for more information.
SPRING CLEAN-UP OF BULKY WASTE

Saturday, April 13 & Sunday, April 14
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
6305 N.W. River Park Drive, Riverside

Curbside Service Monday, April 15 at 7:00 a.m.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED.

Acceptable Items:
- Small limbs (do not 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 & 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.

SOUTHLAND
RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, April 20 • 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
6305 NW Riverpark Drive
(off 9 Highway between Riverside and Parkville)

FREE Event! Your one stop shop to recycle almost anything! Open to all.

Paper Shredding (4 box/person limit) • Automobile Tires (4 tires/car - no rims) • Furniture • Household Items • Clothing • Electronics (fee to recycle older TVs) • Iron • Oil and Antifreeze • Car and NI-Cad Batteries • Prescription/OTC Drugs • Tennis Balls • Bicycles in any condition • Twin/Full Mattresses and Box Springs • Bedding of all Sizes • Glasses and Sunglasses • Unusable Athletic Shoes • Items for the Homeless (gently used clothing, travel size soap/shampoo/conditioner/lotion, gently used towels and washcloths)

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Local Shopping, Dining & Fabulous Fun!

Are shopping and dining your secret pleasures? If so, you’ll fall in love with Historic Downtown Parkville’s eclectic collection of galleries, specialty shops, vintage boutiques, and unique eateries. Discover an interesting selection of merchandise not available in the big box retail stores including handmade and personalized gifts, fine or fun art, one-of-a-kind crafts, jewelry, home décor, books and collectibles. 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.

Spring and Summer bring Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, graduations, weddings, and birthdays: perfect occasions to enjoy downtown Parkville’s charming, nostalgic ambience. Most of the original buildings from the 1800’s still stand on Main Street. You’ll enjoy the colorful backdrop for shopping, dining, as well as professional services for families, homes, and businesses. Spend a day, 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, vintage treasures, and locally crafted art and jewelry. Taste great wines. Focus on science. Find a unique gift. 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.

This year’s line-up includes:

**Parkville Cruise Nights**
First Saturdays, April – September with the exception of July – 4:00 – 8:00 pm
Find your dream ride while you listen to cool tunes, cruise hot wheels, and take in the sights, shopping and dining up and down Main Street. It’s a great trip down memory lane!

**10th Annual Parkville Microbrew Fest**
Saturday, April 27th – 1:00-5:00 pm
Further your fine crafted beer education while you enjoy good grilled eats, rockin’ live music and a great day in English Landing Park!

**18th Annual Parkville River Jam - Jazz, Blues and Fine Arts**
Friday, June 14 – Saturday, June 15
Parkville River Jam - Jazz, Blues and Fine Arts Festival is a music packed 2-day festival for family and neighbors showcasing musicians, artists and fantastic food from around the Kansas City area and beyond!

**Parkville July 4th Celebration**
Wednesday, July 3 – Saturday, July 6
Bring the whole family for a taste of good old-fashioned Americana. Our traditional salute to Independence Day includes a parade, carnival rides, fireworks and more!

Chamber of Commerce

2013 Calendar of Events

Please review our website calendar for further information and event registration [www.ParkvilleChamber.com](http://www.ParkvilleChamber.com)

March
- 21st: **Membership Luncheon** at The National Golf Club of Kansas City

April
- 4th: **Legislative Trip** to Jefferson City
- 8th: **Lunch with the Chamber** at Rusty Horse Tavern
- 29th: **Second Annual Golf Tournament** at The National Golf Club of Kansas City

May
- 16th: **PACC 101 New Member Orientation & Business After Hours** at Quitmeier Law Firm/Legal Shield

June
- 10th: **Lunch with the Chamber** at All Star Pizza & Pub
- 20th: **Business After Hours** at Platte Valley Bank

July
- 9th: **Lunch with the Chamber** at Frank’s Italian Restaurant
- 18th: **PACC 101 New Member Orientation & Business After Hours** at Educational Therapy Center

August
- 15th: **Legislative Dinner**

September
- 19th: **Business After Hours** at Country Financial
- 15th: **Lunch with the Chamber** at Al’s Bar & Grill
- 19th: **Annual Poker Tournament**

October
- 21st: **Business After Hours** at KC Art Institute North

November
- 9th: **Lunch with the Chamber** at Stone Canyon Pizza
- 19th: **Winter Event/Art Fest**

January 2014
- 24th: **Annual Gala**

**Ripple Glass Drop-off Sites:** 1) Behind Parkville Mid-Continent Public Library, 2) Near the National roundabout on 45 Hwy
Community Events

What’s going on at Park University...

March 18-April 26 – Art Exhibit: Park University as a Beacon of Hope: Nisei Students Escape Internment Camps to Attend College, Campanella Gallery
March 22-24, 27-28 – Park University Theatre Production, Lanford Wilson's "Hot'l Baltimore," 7 p.m. (except March 24, which is at 2 p.m.), David Theatre (Alumni Hall)
March 27 – Dr. Jerzy Hauptmann Distinguished Guest Lecture, Dr. Theda Skocpol, 6 p.m., Kansas City (MO) Public Library Central Library, 14 W. 10th St.
March 30 – International Center for Music: Daniel Veis Recital Concert, 7:30 p.m., Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel
April 3 – Dorothy Harper Watson Literacy Center Powerful Texts Series: Christine Taylor-Butler, 5 p.m., Mabee Learning Center/Academic Underground, Room 221A
April 5 – Erin Hales Graduate Piano Recital, 7:30 p.m., Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel
April 6 – Pirates for Patriots 5K Run/Walk, 9 a.m., English Landing Park, Parkville, MO
April 7 – Parkville Symphonic Band Concert, 3 p.m., Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel
April 8-11 – Student Research and Creative Arts Symposium, Parkville Campus
April 12 – Cultural Sharing Event: Saudi Arabia, 4:30-9 p.m., Thompson Commons Cafeteria (dinner) & Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel (performance & reception)
April 13 – David Radzynski Graduate Violin Recital, 7:30 p.m., Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel
April 21 – Cristian Fatu Graduate Violin Recital, 3 p.m., Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel
April 27 – International Center for Music Showcase Concert, 7:30 p.m., Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel
May 5 – Philharmonia of Greater Kansas City Concert, 3 p.m., Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel
May 9 – Yury Vereshchagin Student Piano Recital, 7:30 p.m., Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel
May 10 – International Center for Music Faculty Chamber Music Concert, 7:30 p.m., Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel

For more information on these events and for a complete list of events at Park University, including Park athletics, visit http://www.park.edu/calendar/parkville.html.

Friends of Parkville Animal Shelter: Community Strong...

A community is so much more than houses or businesses— it is the caring and compassionate people who make up those companies, schools, and neighborhoods. FOPAS wishes to thank the countless individuals who help to ensure our continuing success. From modest beginnings by the railroad tracks in 1999, to our expanded (though temporary) facility today, thousands of homeless animals have been rescued and rehabilitated. Yet, you recognize that our efforts extend well beyond shelter walls.

An animal shelter isn’t just for animals. An animal shelter is for the community. Where can you walk through the door and walk out with an endless supply of unconditional love? Where can you find dedicated volunteers contributing to the health and vitality of the entire community? The answer to both questions is quite simple: your hometown shelter.

In addition to rescuing and rehabilitating the discarded animals who find themselves with nowhere to turn, FOPAS volunteers work to enrich our community through educational outreach, TNR (trap/neuter/return), and much more. Learn more at www.parkvilleanimalshelter.com, sign up for our e-newsletter at friendsofparkville@hotmail.com, or follow us on Facebook.

Thank you for the friendship and support you have shown to FOPAS. You give our community its heart. In doing so, you help to teach our children that supporting the most vulnerable in our community isn’t a weakness or a liability, but rather a moral obligation. And, in doing so, you make the fiber of the entire community stronger.

Black animals like Persimmon and Chance are always the last to be adopted from shelters. Please consider opening your home & heart to rescue!

Friends of Parkville Animal Shelter: Upcoming Events

Every Saturday:
- Dog Adoptions – Petco, 600 NE Vivion Rd – 9 am – 1 pm
- Cat Adoptions – FOPAS, 1356 NW 9 Hwy - 11 am – 3 pm
(Appointments are also scheduled during the week.)

March 23:
- Easter Bunny Photos – Pete & Mac’s Northland 12 pm – 4 pm
- Bake sale proceeds to benefit FOPAS TNR Program

April 5:
- Pawsta Dinner – Weatherby Lake Clubhouse – 6 pm – 8 pm – Unlimited spaghetti, desserts, beverages, and FUN for the whole family!

May 17-18:

June 8:
- Bow Wow & Meow Luau Auction – PAC – 6 pm – 9 pm

**You can make a positive difference through a tax-deductible donation, or by participating in a variety of fundraisers created to appeal to the two and four-legged members of your family.**
Please show your support to the Friends of Parkville Parks fundraiser, “Walk in the Park.” A commemorative brick path will be built in English Landing Park near McKeon Stage. For only $100, you may purchase a brick that will be included in the “Walk in the Park” and engraved with your personalized message. Leave a message for a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, birthday or anniversary and become part of local history at one of Parkville’s most beautiful areas by the river, English Landing Park.

All monies raised will benefit all Parkville parks and will be used to maintain and improve the City’s parks in many years to come!

For more information, please visit http://www.friendsofparkvilleparks.org/

The City of Parkville would like to welcome Honorable Kevin Humiston as appointed Municipal Judge.

Thank you to Honorable Sandra Ferguson for 25 years of service.

For information on how to advertise in the next newsletter, please email your contact information to MEstes@parkvillemo.com.

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In 2012, MoDOT completed Route 45 Widening Phase B, widening and improving an approximately 3-mile segment of Route 45 between Route 9 and the newly constructed roundabout at Route K. The remainder of Route 45 west to I-435 remains a two-lane facility. Route 45 Widening Phase C would widen this approximately 1.5 mile segment to a four-lane divided highway, completing improvements between I-29 and I-435. Phase C completion would create a safe, efficient, environmentally sound, and economical transportation facility that helps meet the needs of Parkville, Southern Platte County and the Kansas City metropolitan region.

Based on the conceptual design, MoDOT has estimated the proposed Phase C project will cost approximately $12.7 million. Parkville recently received a $5.8 million grant through the Mid-America Regional Council. The City has also applied for and anticipates receiving an additional $5.4 million from MoDOT. The remaining $1.5 million is proposed to be funded through the renewed Platte County transportation sales tax, if passed. Project design would potentially begin in 2014 with construction in 2016.

BRINK-MEYERS WALL RECONSTRUCTION

The retaining wall located on the east side of Brink-Meyers Road, south of 45 Highway, is scheduled to be reconstructed starting this Spring. During construction, it may be necessary to temporarily close Brink-Meyers Road to allow adequate work space. The City is sensitive to businesses and neighbors in the area; our goal is to minimize all inconvenience throughout the reconstruction. Plans include reconstructing the lower portion of the wall by re-using the existing decorative concrete blocks with additional structural support. A new upper portion of the wall will be made from a decorative concrete product carved and stained to look like natural stone. The reconstruction is primarily being paid for with funds from a lawsuit settlement with the contractor, engineer and other involved in the wall failure.

A more detailed schedule will be announced prior to construction and project updates will posted on the City website at www.parkvillemo.gov/departments/public-works-dept/brink-meyers-wall.

PLANS FOR THE NEW PLATTE LANDING PARK

Platte Landing Park, an approximate 140-acre site to be located in downtown Parkville west of Main Street along the Missouri River, is scheduled to break ground this summer. The City, County and consultant engineers are working together to complete final construction plans for Phase I. Planned amenities include a new boat ramp, several trails, a riverfront plaza, a playground, a dog park, baseball and soccer fields and additional parking. These improvements are being funded by the Platte County Parks sales tax. The completed conceptual plans for all three phases are available on the Platte County website at: www.platteparks.com/master_plans_indy.html.
ENGLISH LANDING PARK — READY FOR RESIDENTS

Spring is just around the corner and English Landing Park is ready for your next game, gathering or party. Several amenities may be reserved including three picnic shelters with grills, tables, water, and electricity, the Maxine McKeon Stage (covered) and brick patio for larger events, three ball fields, three sand volleyball courts, and a soccer field.

Reservation rates, available times, and forms are available online at [www.parkvillemo.gov/departments/parks-recreation-dept/](http://www.parkvillemo.gov/departments/parks-recreation-dept/). Reservations may be made at Parkville City Hall, 8880 Clark Avenue, and will be confirmed at the time of payment.

See page 11 for more information on sports field reservations.

GROUNDBREAKING AT COMMUNITY CENTERS HAS BEGUN

After two years of community input and planning to improve the facilities and accommodate growth, March 18th marked the official beginning of construction on the Platte County Community Center expansion. The Platte County Community Center South is scheduled for completion in 2014. The expansion highlights include an expanded aquatics center with new lap lanes, new group exercise and wellness spaces, and additional parking. The South Center leads all Greater KC YMCA locations in the number of memberships.

The City of Parkville is a project partner with the County and YMCA, donating land and easements necessary to accommodate the expansion. The Center is owned by Platte County and operates through a unique partnership with the YMCA of Greater Kansas City. Programs are available to all community residents and the YMCA maintains a financial assistance program for those in need. For more information on the expansion project, contact Brian Nowotny, Director, Platte County Parks and Recreation, 816-858-3419 or Garry Linn, District Vice President, YMCA of Greater Kansas City, 816-505-2622.

WHAT’S YOUR IDEA?

Visit our online town hall meeting focused on enhancing Downtown Parkville.

[www.LetsTalkParkville.com](http://www.LetsTalkParkville.com)

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

► **DOG LICENSES DUE MAY 1ST**

Stop by City Hall, 8880 Clark Avenue, to renew your annual dog license! Required for dogs 6 mos & older. $5.00 for neutered, $10.00 for unneutered — Must provide proof of rabies vaccination.

► **BUSINESS LICENSES DUE JUNE 1ST**

Renewals to be mailed in April or stop by City Hall, 8880 Clark Avenue, to renew your annual business license! Visit [www.parkvillemo.gov/community/business/licenses](http://www.parkvillemo.gov/community/business/licenses) for more information.
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Did You Know?

Two taxes are proposed in the April 2, 2013 municipal election – renewal of the current Platte County 3/8 Cent Retail Sales Tax and a 1.5% Parkville Use Tax. Following is a brief summary of the proposed taxes. For ballot language see www.co.platte.mo.us/elections/.

### PROPOSED COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX RENEWAL

- The tax is a 3/8 cent tax on retail sales in Platte County. Current tax passed in 2003 to fund transportation projects throughout Platte County. The County estimates the current tax will generate $51.5 million dollars by its expiration in September 2013.
- Revenues from the tax are split 50/50 between cities in Platte County and unincorporated Platte County. Funding to the cities is distributed based on population, minus a deduction for those communities with approved TIF projects. Currently 3.84% of revenues are distributed to Parkville, a net amount (after TIF deductions) of approximately $130,000 to $150,000 annually.
- By expiration, the tax is projected to generate $51.5 million for transportation improvements County-wide. Roughly $1.33 million received by the City over 10 years has been used to complete the 9 Highway / White Alloe bridge replacement, turn lane and sidewalk improvements, major street overlays, curb/sidewalk improvements throughout Parkville, new Farmer’s Market stairs; fund the 9 Highway trail (under design); and implement a slurry seal program to extend the life our City streets & public parking lots.
- The County proposes to renew the tax through 2023, projecting it to generate an additional $60 million for transportation improvements. The County estimates Parkville would receive approximately $1.6 to 1.8 million for transportation improvements. If passed, the City will use funds for local transportation projects including improvements to 45 Highway, road overlays, new and repaired curbs and sidewalks and other necessary vehicular and pedestrian improvements.

### PROPOSED PARKVILLE USE TAX

- Parkville residents used to pay a 1.5% city sales tax when licensing vehicles purchased out-of-state.
- In 2012, state law was interpreted differently and now when Parkville residents license a vehicle purchased out-of-state or from an individual, they no longer pay city sales tax.
- The city sales tax is now only paid when a Parkville resident purchases a vehicle from a Missouri car dealer. With tax, the same car sold at the same price will cost more if purchased in Missouri.
- Based on 2011 data, the Missouri Municipal League estimates Parkville is losing approximately $38,000 annually. Parkville has depended on this revenue source in the past to help fund essential city services like police protection and street and park maintenance.
- The proposed 1.5% Parkville Use Tax will replace the sales tax that used to be charged on out-of-state purchases. Nearly ½ of all Missouri cities with populations of 2,000 or more already have a use tax. Parkville does not.
- You won’t pay this tax unless you purchase a vehicle, boat, camper or other item over $2,000 out-of-state (and don’t pay sales tax on it), or you purchase a vehicle from an individual.
- This is not a “double tax”. The Parkville Use Tax applies only where no local sales tax was already applied. If you paid sales tax when you made the purchase, you don’t pay it again.
- If any Parkville sales tax is repealed, reduced or raised, the Use Tax would also be repealed, reduced or raised by the same action.

### ENGLISH LANDING PARK FIELD USE

Volleyball Court #1      Ball Field #1
Volleyball Court #2      Grigsby Field
Volleyball Court #3      Ball Field #3
Soccer Field

ALL AVAILABLE FOR $20.00/HOUR
Submit payment and completed Field Reservation Permit to City Hall, 8880 Clark Avenue, to secure your reservation.

See availability online at www.parkvillemo.gov/departments/parks-recreation-dept/

All Metropolitan Community Colleges offer reduced tuition to residents in the Park Hill School District—called the “In-district” rate.

For seniors (65+) who live “In-district,” tuition is FREE!
Check out http://www.mccck.edu/tuition for more information.

Parkville participates in a Regional Brush/Yard Waste Disposal Program! Parkville residents may drop off brush/yard waste at a facility located at Gladstone Public Works, 4000 NE 76th St. Proof of residency required. Costs associated. Contact (816) 436-5442 with questions.

**LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW!**

When they wrote the hit song “Let It Snow” in 1945, they clearly had not envisioned Parkville in February 2013. According to the National Weather Service, the Parkville area received over 9” of snow on February 21st, followed more than 8” on February 26th – a total snowfall of over 20” for the month. Records show this was the most single-day snowfall since 1993 and the most monthly snowfall since 1960. The snow made most local roads temporarily impassible, downed trees and power lines, and had most of us longing for Spring.

Special thanks to the Parkville Public Works Department, Parkville Police Department and a host of others for their tireless service to reopen roads and help those stranded throughout Parkville. Thanks also to MoDOT for their work on 9 Highway, 45 Highway and other area state routes, as well as Platte County and the Parkville Special Roads District for helping clear the surrounding unincorporated areas.
General Municipal Election

Tuesday, April 2

Pols open 7:00 a.m. — 8:00 p.m.

For election information, visit
www.co.platte.mo.us/elections

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