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FALL 2013

Parkville Missouri

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A note from the Mayor:

I am pleased to introduce the Fall 2013 Edition of Parkville's Resident Newsletter. Inside you will find information about upcoming community programs and festivals.

When you come downtown for events this fall, be sure to check out the construction progress on Platte Landing Park, just west of Main Street. The project is a partnership with Platte County and is funded in part by the county's half-cent parks sales tax that was strongly supported by residents of Parkville. It will be a tremendous addition to the Parkville riverfront.

For more frequent updates throughout the year, follow us on Twitter @parkvillemo or like us on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CityOfParkville. -**Mayor Jim Brooks**

Mayor Brooks along with Aldermen Welch, Werner, Johnston, and Snyder join other area officials at the Platte Landing Park Groundbreaking Ceremony

See page 7 for updates on Platte Landing Park

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Get to know your Government

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Lauren Palmer

I want to thank the community for the warm welcome I received upon starting my job in June. I immediately faced several major initiatives including final design for Phase 1A of Platte Landing Park, reconstruction of the Brink-Myers retaining wall, the Downtown Master Plan, and organizational improvements within City Hall. It is an exciting time to be in Parkville.

I previously served as an Assistant City Manager in Manhattan, KS. I started my career in Des Moines, IA after completing my Masters of Public Affairs at Indiana University. My hometown is Joplin, MO, and I attended college at Mizzou, so it is great to be home again in Missouri. Please feel free to contact me or others on city staff with your questions and ideas. Most of my time this fall will be focused on preparing the City's budget for 2014. See page 6 for more information on the budget process.

A MESSAGE FROM ALDERMAN KARI

Kari Lamer

I graduated from the University of Michigan with my MSW and worked as a School Social Worker for 5 years in Chicago. When I first moved to the area, I continued my work as a School Social Worker with the Park Hill School District. In addition to representing Ward 1 on the Board of Alderman since April of 2012, I stay busy with my three children (Alice 5, Ellie 3, and Gus 5 months) and run a small Portrait Photography business.

My husband and I both fell in love with Parkville the first time we visited. We are so happy to still call it home 8 years later. I am honored to have the opportunity to give something back to my community.

Our **LifeCare ambulance membership program** can help you reduce or eliminate out-of-pocket expenses for ambulance service. Call **800-392-8965** for more information or an application, or visit our website at www.amr.net/southplatte.

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Community Events

2013 FALL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- October 26: Ghost Stories - Chili at 6 p.m., Ghost Stories at 7 p.m., Adult $5.00, 12 & Under $3.00. Located at the Parkville Nature Sanctuary Girl Scout shelter (see www.parkvillenaturesanctuary.org).
- November 2: 10 a.m. - Trail Run "Through the Woods" 5K Trail Run Saturday. Located at the Parkville Nature Sanctuary.
- November 1-3: 7 p.m. (except Nov. 3, at 2 p.m.) - Park University Theater Production, "The Art of Murder." Located at the David Theater, Alumni Hall.
- November 3: 3 p.m. - Parkville Symphonic Band Fall Concert. Located at the Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel on the Park University Campus in Parkville.
- November 8-9: **Howl**iday Market made possible by the Parkville Animal Shelter. Located at the First Methodist Church in North Kansas City.
    - November 8, 5-9 p.m., November 9, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- November 21: 6-9 p.m. - "Parkville in Art" Art Auction. Parkville scenes painted "En Plein Air." Located at the Kansas City Art Institute.
- November 28: 8-10 a.m. - Turkey Trot Elite 5k, Regular 5k, and 2 mile walk. Located at English Landing Park.
- November 30: Light up the Night Saturday. Downtown officially welcomes the sights, sounds, and joys of the holiday season with a lighting ceremony, special activities, and open houses.
- December 6: Christmas on the River. Located at 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:

Trek with Santa

Sat. Dec. 7th
1:00 PM

Parkville Nature Sanctuary
12th St. & Highway 9

Make a birdfeeder. Walk and talk in the winter woods with Santa.

Note: The Farmers' Market will re-open next April and will continue through October. Located in the down-town Parkville parking lots south of the railroad tracks. Questions, please contact Shelley Oberdiek farmersmarketmanager@yahoo.com

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Fall and Winter bring the holidays, time for quiet enjoyment, and plans for the New Year: 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. You'll also want to take in at least one, if not all, of the many annual festivals and events.

Our upcoming line-up includes:

- October 25: Blood Drive, Community Blood Bank, 3-7 p.m. American Legion.
- October 26: Halloween Trick or Treat.
- November 2: Through the Woods 5K Trail Run, Parkville Nature Sanctuary.
- November 30: Light up the Night, Downtown officially welcomes the sights, sounds and joys of the holiday season with a lighting ceremony.
- December 6 : Christmas on the River.

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Parkville Missouri Area Chamber of Commerce

2013 Fall Calendar of Events

November

- 12th:
  Networking Chamber Lunch, 11:30 am, Rusty Horse, Parkville Commons
- 21st:
  "Parkville in Art" Art Auction Kansas City Art Institute, North November 21st, 6-9 pm Parkville scenes painted "En Plein Air"

December

- 9th:
  Networking Chamber Lunch, 11:30 am, Stone Canyon Pizza
- 19th:
  Holiday/Winter Event, Dec 19th, 4-7 pm
  American Legion Hall, Parkville, MO
  Home-Based Business Expo
  Booth space—$50

January

- 24th:
  Gala & Awards Banquet—SAVE THE DATE

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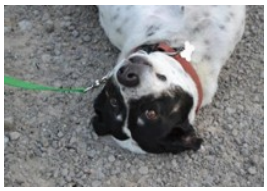
Community Events

Friends of Parkville Animal Shelter

Since 1999, thousands of abandoned cats and dogs have been rescued, rehabilitated, and rehomed through the tireless efforts of volunteers who serve Friends of Parkville Animal Shelter (FOPAS).



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Our shelter's success isn't possible without the incredible support shown from our veterinary community, adoptive families, and generous donors of all ages.

Betty Boop

In addition to caring for area strays at our temporary facility and through an active TNR (trap/neuter/return) program, FOPAS volunteers work to educate the public about the importance of spay/neuter and stress to young people that they can make a positive difference in their community at any age. Volunteers also work diligently on fundraisers throughout the year to care for our strays and find them permanent homes. If you are looking to add a cat or dog to your family, please choose rescue. Prior to adoption FOPAS strays receive spay/neuter, microchip, age appropriate vaccinations, and health tests.

Friends of Parkville Animal Shelter: *Upcoming Events*

FRIENDS OF PARKVILLE ANIMAL SHELTER

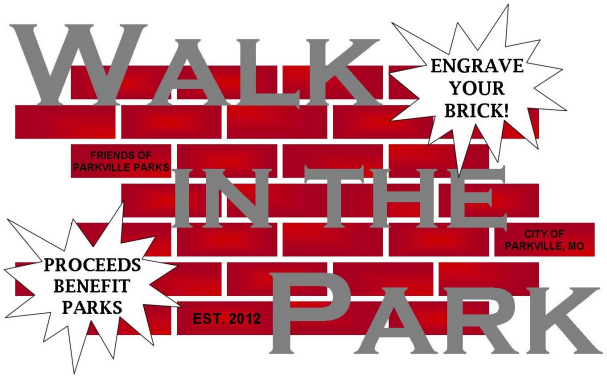
Every Saturday:

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.)

November 8-9:

Howliday Market, First Methodist Church in North Kansas City.
November 8, 5 pm – 9 pm
November 9, 9 am – 4 pm

Additional news and events can be found on the shelter website at www.parkvilleshelter.com and on Facebook. To receive the shelter e-newsletter, please contact friendsofparkville@hotmail.com.



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

Community Events

What's going on at Park University...

October 25-26 and November 1-3 - Park University Theater Production, "The Art of Murder," 7 p.m. (except Nov. 3, at 2 p.m.), David Theater, Alumni Hall

November 10 – Northland Community Choir Concert: A Benefit for Elementary School Music Education, 3 p.m., Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel

November 12 - Ethnic Voices Poetry Series: Patrick Rosal, 6 p.m., Kansas City Public Library Central Library, 14 W. 10th St. Kansas City, Mo.

November 16 - International Center for Music Concert, featuring pianist Luis Fernando Perez, 7:30 p.m., Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel

November 20 – Xerox Global Business Lecture Series, featuring Barabara Corcoran from TV's "Shark Tank," 7 p.m., Folly Theater, 300 W. 12th St., Kansas City, Mo.

November 21 - International Center for Music Student Recital, featuring violinist Fabio Peixoto, 7 p.m., Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel

December 7 - International Center for Music Concert, featuring violinist Ben Sayevich and pianist Lolita Lisovskaya-Sayevich, 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.

Parkville Budget Process and Work Sessions

The City of Parkville is currently working on the 2014 Budget. The process involves four work sessions with the Board of Aldermen to discuss priorities for the upcoming year. All work sessions will be held in the Board Room at City Hall and are open to the public.

Key Budget Dates:

Work Sessions

October 15 and 29 – 5:30 pm

November 5 and 19 – 5:30 pm

Public Hearing and Final Adoption

December 3 – 7:00 pm

All Dates Subject to Change. Please Contact City Hall for the most up to date information.

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

Community News

CONSTUCTION BEGINS ON PLATTE LANDING PARK

Mayor Brooks welcomes the public to the Platte Landing Park Groundbreaking

A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the first phase of Platte Landing Park on September 26. Highlights of the event included Mayor Jim Brooks welcoming the public and offering opening remarks as well as Platte County 1st District Commissioner Beverlee Roper and 2nd District Commissioner Duane Soper recognizing special guests and donors who assisted with the project. Other community leaders who spoke at the groundbreaking in support of the project were Adam Zink (Chair, Community Land and Recreation Board), Deborah Butcher (Chair, Main Street Parkville Association), Audra Heller (President, Parkville Area Chamber of Commerce), and Roxsen Koch (Vice Chair, Parkville Economic Development Council).

The park is being constructed by Linaweaver Construction of Lansing, KS. The new park will comprise approximately 144 acres of riverfront west of Main Street in Parkville. The first phase of the park includes a boat ramp, a dog park with designated areas for large and small dogs, expanded parking for Grigsby Field, and the extension of the riverfront trail from English Landing Park. Construction on these elements will be completed in the spring of 2014. Future phases call for additional amenities including restored wetlands, recreational fields, a loop trail around the perimeter of the park, and a playground.

The park is a truly collaborative effort with funding and support from all levels of government (city, county, state, and federal). The City of Parkville will be responsible for the day-to-day maintenance, operations, and programming of the park. Platte County pledged $1.5 million of the 3/8-cent parks sales tax funds for the planning, design, and construction of the park. The Missouri Department of Conservation and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security awarded $750,000 in grants toward the construction of the boat ramp and related infrastructure. Special thanks goes out to the Heartland Tree Alliance and Hunt-Martin Materials for donating materials to offset the costs of the park construction.

Two Parkville Locations:

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Community News

BRINK-MYERS ROAD RETAINING WALL RECONSTRUCTION

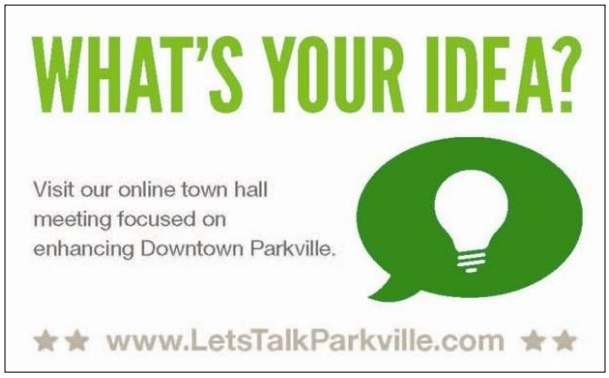
The Brink-Myers Road retaining wall reconstruction project is approximately forty percent complete. The Judy Company, a local geotechnical contractor, is leading the rebuilding effort. The lower portion of the wall is re-using the stacked concrete blocks from the previous wall while the upper portion will be constructed from a stained and carved concrete material called shotcrete.

This shotcrete is meant to mimic the surrounding natural limestone once the wall is completed. The rebuilt wall will incorporate additional drainage components and numerous soil/rock anchors for long term strength and stability. The wall reconstruction is currently scheduled to be completed by mid November 2013.

DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN

The City is working on a Master Plan to build consensus around a common vision for Downtown Parkville. The plan will address a variety of factors affecting the long-term success of downtown such as land use, development, character, appearance, housing, infrastructure, and preservation. The plan will blend public input with economic and engineering analysis to identify recommended strategies, policies, and plans for enhancing downtown. The transportation components of the plan will be based in large part on the Livable Communities Study that was concluded earlier this year. The Livable Communities Study is available on the City's website.

A project kick off meeting was held on September 4 at the American Legion and was well attended by over 80 participants. Two community forums were held concurrently on September 12, followed by a two day come-and-go design charette on September 17 and 18. The planning team expects to present preliminary concepts to the Planning and Zoning Commission and had scheduled work session with the Board of Aldermen October 15 to review all of the input gathered to date. The team is now working to finalize the plan document. If you have ideas or want to learn more, **signup and comment** on the interactive plan forum www.letstalkparkville.com. The final plan is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Aldermen at the regularly scheduled board meeting on November 19 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.



The project has been made possible through a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant administered by the Mid-American Regional Council and local funds from the City of Parkville and Park University. Other project partners include Main Street Parkville Association, Parkville Area Chamber of Commerce, Parkville Economic Development Council, Parkville Old Town Market Community Improvement District, Platte County Health Department, Platte County Parks and Recreation Department, and the Parkville Commercial Underground.

Community News

Parkville Symphonic Band

The Parkville Symphonic Band, now beginning its 19th season, is a musical ensemble dedicated to offering area amateur and semi-professional musicians an opportunity to learn and perform music of high quality written for symphonic concert bands. This friendly and entirely volunteer ensemble welcomes musicians of all ages and backgrounds, and requires only that members play (or used to play) a band instrument. Musical Director Steve Berg (who also serves as the Parkville City Treasurer) selects music for each concert designed to appeal to a broad range of tastes, including music from standard transcriptions of classical literature, modern compositions for concert band, and popular Broadway show medleys. The band practices and performs music of all difficulty levels, ranging from easy to quite challenging. The Band presents about 5 concerts each year, including appearances at the Parkville River Jam, Jazz and Blues Festival, and our annual July 4 concert featuring American and patriotic fare.

If you play or played a band instrument, you are invited to join. Rehearsals are held each Tuesday evening at the Park University Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel from 7:15 to 9:00 p.m.

If your skills are more in the audience category, you are invited to attend our concerts and discover how exciting a good band performance can be! The next concert will be Sunday, November 3, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Admittance is always free, although the Fall and Spring concerts usually support a Northland charity with freewill donations accepted on their behalf. Please check the website, www.parkvillesymphonicband.org for upcoming performance events and program information.

Facebook Photo Contest

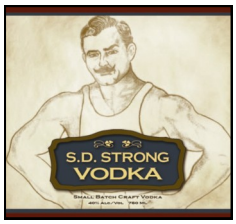
Do you think you are the best photographer in Parkville? **Prove it!**

- Like Parkville on Facebook (facebook.com/CityOfParkville) and post your best pictures of Parkville!

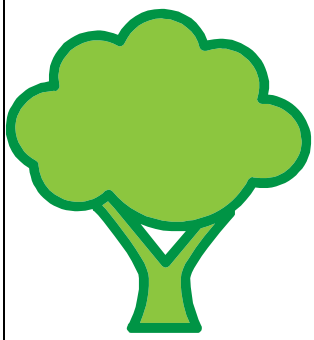
- If selected, your photo/s will be featured in the next Parkville newsletter and on the www.parkvillemo.gov!
- Additionally, the winning photo will also be blown-up and featured in the City Hall lobby.
- Don't waste anymore time. Send in pictures today!

Community Spotlight

Going Green Spotlight!



Locally owned SD Strong Vodka is distilled and bottled in the Park University Commercial Underground. Rusty Horse in Parkville Commons sells SD Strong Vodka and saves the used bottles after they are consumed. The used bottles are collected and returned by SD Strong to the underground facility to be cleaned and filled with award winning vodka.



Recently SD Strong Vodka competed with nearly 100 spirits to win a silver medal in the Washington Cup Spirit competition.

Is your company is going green? Tell us about it at: tblakeslee@parkvillemo.com

Business License Reminder!

- **BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL FOR 2013-2014 DEADLINE HAS PASSED (THE DEADLINE WAS JUNE 1ST).**
- **BUSINESSES ARE STILL REQUIRED TO RENEW OR APPLY FOR A LICENSE IF THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN MISSED.**

Renewals for 2014-2015 will be mailed next April or stop by City Hall, 8880 Clark Avenue, to renew your annual business license!
Visit www.parkvillemo.gov/community/business-licenses for more information.

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A MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF CHRISMAN

As the holiday season approaches, this is a reminder to be aware of your surroundings and to not leave items within plain view inside your vehicle. Always make certain your vehicle is secured and parked in a well lit area when out in the evening. When entering and exiting businesses always make eye contact with those in your view and be aware of your surroundings at all times. It is also important to make certain your garage doors are closed as the days get shorter.

Important Information

Sewer Billing Updates

Effective October 1, 2013, the City will begin applying a 10% late fee to all sewer bills that are past due. If a bill remains unpaid after 90 days, the City will cooperate with Missouri American Water Company to disconnect water service to the property. If water service is disconnected for non-payment, the full amount of the past due balance plus disconnection and reconnection fees must be paid before service will be reinstated. For a complete listing of the City's updated Sewer Billing Policies and Procedures, visit the website at http://parkvillemo.gov/departments/sewer-utility-billing/.

The City is taking these steps in an effort to collect over $55,000 of unpaid sewer bills that have accrued since January. When sewer customers miss payments, the other customers to the utility are impacted because the costs must be absorbed through service reductions or rate increases. The goal is to be fair to everyone by enforcing timely payments. Customers with an inability to pay may be offered a payment plan or referred to social service agencies for utility assistance.

Automatic Withdrawals Now Available!

The City offers several convenient options for sewer payments. Payments may be made at or mailed to City Hall in form of check or money order. Cash payments should be submitted in person. Customers may also set up Automated Clearing House (ACH) withdrawals from a valid bank account. A form can be picked up at City Hall or is available on the website.

Bank Payments

Payments may be made at the two Bank Liberty locations in Parkville.

- 12 E First St., Parkville MO 64152
- 6309 NW 9 Hwy, Parkville MO 64152

A customer must have a copy of the bill in order to make a payment.

Attention Landlords:

Did you know that the customer at the property receiving sewer service and the property owner are jointly responsible to pay for sewer services to the property? This means that landlords are ultimately responsible for uncollected sewer payments on tenant accounts. Property owners are encouraged to seek their own business and or legal advice to determine the best way to protect their interests.

Questions?

Sewer Office Location: City Hall, 8880 Clark Ave.
Hours: 8:00-5:00 p.m. Monday -Friday
Phone Number: 816-741-7676 x220
Email: sewerbillinfo@parkvillemo.com

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Volleyball Court #3	Ball Field #3
Soccer Field	

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

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.

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.mcckc.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.

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