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Public Works Director—Greg Decker  
Public Safety Director—Keith Wood  
Parks & Recreation Director—Rod Auxier

# City of Maryville Newsletter

## Welcome to the First Edition of the Community Newsletter

by City of Maryville Staff

Welcome to the first edition of the City of Maryville's community newsletter! The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you, our citizens, informed about what is going on in your local government and in your community. You will notice that all of the articles in this newsletter have been written by our hard working and intelligent staff

members to give you a thorough explanation of City projects, procedures, and events. Hopefully you will find this newsletter to be very informative and helpful. Our goal is to reach out to as many citizens as possible through this newsletter at least once every quarter. Copies of this newsletter can be found at several locations around town,

as well as on our website, [www.maryville.org](http://www.maryville.org). If you would like to begin receiving this newsletter as an email on a regular basis, please contact Sheila Smail, City Clerk at 562-8001 or through email at [ssmail@maryville.org](mailto:ssmail@maryville.org). We hope you enjoy our newsletters and we welcome any comments or suggestions you may have.

## Trail Development is on the Right Path

by Matthew LeCerf, Assistant City Manager

Approximately 1-year ago a new trails committee was established to rekindle and review the needs for a comprehensive trails system throughout both the City of Maryville and Mozingo Lake areas. The committee consists of city council members, city staff, NWMSU faculty, St. Francis Hospital staff, and concerned and interested citizens. They have been steadfast in their determination for a comprehensive trails system and have recently completed the maps with the proposed locations.

As part of the development of the trail system, public hearings were conducted to engage citizen's interest and receive feedback on what needed to be changed or added. As a result, over 21 miles worth of trails within the city limits have been identified for future development. The city trails will intersect with all city parks, the university, all schools, and other

special points of interest such as the hospital and downtown. The trail system at Mozingo Lake will circle the water body and consist of 23 miles worth of trails. Long term plans for the Mozingo trails might include primitive camping sites along the trails for long term exploration of Mozingo's pristine nature.

Ultimately a connection between these two trail networks will complete this project. Funding sources for this long-term project will include grants from programs such as: Missouri Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program and Transportation Enhancement Funds and also through the Department of Natural Resources' Outdoor Recreation Grants.

Development of trails will help to improve the quality of life for the citizens and visitors of Maryville and will also help promote a healthy and active lifestyle.

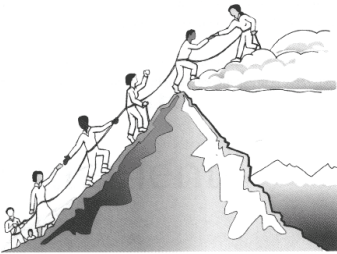
To impress upon the need for this lifestyle, the following facts are presented:

The Centers for Disease Control (November 2006) reports that, on average, America's youth is engaged in media consumption three hours per day. This leads to a lack of physical activity and increased consumption of sugary and/or fatty snacks.

Obese children are 70% more likely to become obese adults and this number increases to 80% if one parent is overweight or obese (National Institutes of Health, 2006).

The number of youth ages 6-19, who are overweight, has tripled since 1970.





# Cooperation

*One who cooperates receives cooperation. The method to give cooperation is to use the energy of the mind to create vibrations of good wishes and pure feelings for others and for the task. By remaining detached, objective and influenced by innermost values and not external circumstances, subtle cooperation in the form of wisdom emerges.*

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## Contractor’s Licenses Protect Everyone

*by Sheila Smail, City Clerk*

Have you ever considered hiring a contractor to remodel or add on to your home or business? If so, you should know that all contractors working within the city limits are required to obtain a City contractor’s license. Contractor’s who engage in general contracting, electrical, plumbing and mechanical (i.e. furnace and air conditioning) trades must meet all requirements set forth by the City Ordinance and applicable State of Missouri regulations.

Anyone desiring to engage in electrical, plumbing or mechanical work is required to take the City of Maryville exam for their particular trade or show proof of competency such as the state-wide block test. Prior to taking the test, given by the City, they are encouraged to visit the Public Works office to check out a study guide, for their trade of interest, by submitting a \$50 deposit, in cash. When the

study guide is returned, the money will be returned to the borrower or transferred to the exam fee, if an exam is requested, which is also \$50. Prior to taking the exam at City Hall, a call to the Public Works Office at 562-8013 is needed to schedule a time and date.

After successfully passing the exam, proof of \$100,000 liability insurance and a \$5,000 surety bond, made out to the City of Maryville, as well as a \$100 license fee must be submitted to the City Clerk before a license can be issued. A general contractor is not required to take an exam, but is required to show proof of the liability insurance and surety bond, along with paying the \$100 license fee.

Contractors are required to show proof of liability insurance for the protection of the home or business owner hiring the contractor. In case of an inci-

dent relating to faulty workmanship on the project, the liability insurance held by a contractor will protect you as a property owner and himself/herself as the contractor. A surety bond will protect both the City and the property owner, ensuring the work meets City Building Code and the project is completed.

A licensed contractor is required to pull the proper permits and request inspections from the Code Enforcement Department at City Hall. Any questions regarding permits and codes can be directed to Jim Wiederholt, Code Enforcement Officer.

As you can see, it is important to verify that the contractor you hire has a license with the City of Maryville, before he/she begins work. To verify a contractor’s license, you may call 562-8003.

## Snow Removal is a Costly Convenience

*by Greg Decker, Public Works Director*

As far as winters go – this one so far seems to be just a pretty normal winter. City crews have been busy plowing and de-icing the 77 miles of city streets and the 5 city owned parking lots in the downtown area. We have had several major snow fall events this winter that have required our crews to be out on the streets just a little more than their usual shift, with the most measurable snowfall event - happening the middle of January. This snow event alone hit the street maintenance budget with a whopping \$5,011.00 price tag that breaks down as follows: 74 man hours of over-time, 71.82 tons of ice melt material, \$376.00 worth of fuel to run the equipment, and \$640.00 in miscellaneous equipment ex-

penses.

With a few more weeks of winter weather on the calendar, we’re not putting our snow plows up just yet. During the first of February, we replenished our stock pile of ice melt product in our storage bins back up to our standard 120 tons of material. We use an ice melt product called Geo-melt. This product is a molasses by-product that is coated on the outside of standard rock salt. This is a 100% natural product that does not harm the environment, and has little impact on the city streets or the vehicles traveling our roads. Geo-Melt actually makes the ice chip melt and stay in place on the road surface longer, thereby making the ice melt product more effective and efficient. Consequently,

we are able to spread less material on the streets and get a better melt while at the same time having to send our trucks out less frequently.

We try very hard to have the city streets cleared early in the day. This is why you can usually hear the city plow running down your neighborhood street at 3 and 4 o’clock in the morning. By doing this we can clear the streets before the majority of the daily traffic hits the road. This makes our crew’s jobs a little easier and your trip in the morning safer. The public works and street department are here to help make your travel on city streets more pleasant and safe. If you ever have any suggestions, questions or recommendations you can contact us anytime at 562-8012.

## Public Safety 101

by Keith Wood, Public Safety Director

For the first installment of the new Quarterly Newsletter, I thought it might be informative to simply do a little “Public Safety Department-Concept 101”.

I find that many, even in our own community, do not realize that we (Maryville) are very unique in providing police/fire services, in that we have a “Public Safety Department” as opposed to a “Police Department” and “Fire Department”. This Public Safety Department “concept”, literally combines both of those disciplines into one department, doing a great deal of task sharing, including the cross-training of personnel (hence, Public Safety Officers, as opposed to Police Officers), which means that your uniformed Officers that you see on the street, can actually double as, and are also trained in fire fighting. Maryville is one of perhaps 3 or 4 such departments in the state, and one of but a hand-full in the country.

This concept of combining disciplines under one roof to provide emergency services in a community was considered innovative in the early-mid sixties, and was thought to be an efficient manner of reducing costs for those services while still providing a high level of such services. As indicated in the small numbers of such departments, it is a concept that never really got off the ground, for a variety of reasons that are probably as diverse as all communities are. In the not to distant past, there were still communities that considered moving their police/fire (and sometimes EMS) ser-

vices into such a Public Safety department. In fact, because real life experience from such departments was rather limited, we would periodically get calls, and have other communities visit our department to solicit our thoughts and simply see how this works. The more recent trend, is actually for communities that are Public Safety, to evolve away from the concept and into, what many think is the more practical, separate, distinct departments (police/fire) for separate distinct functions.

As with anything, this has its advantages and disadvantages. First and foremost, the cost of operating this department is significantly less than comparably sized communities that have to fund and support separate Departments for both Police and Fire. There are also times that it is helpful to have a central focal point for both services to funnel into as a better coordination of service. Towards the negative, the sciences of law enforcement and fire service have become much more complex (and professional), in the last 30-40 years. It is becoming more and more unreasonable to expect one body/mind to do both, and do both well (which is always our expectation for our public). Similarly, it is becoming more difficult to reach a satisfactory level of both police and fire training for our Public Safety Officers. Our emphasis when hiring/training an officer, based on department demands, is to complete his/her law enforcement needs before introducing the fire discipline. If it were not for our compliment of

about 20 volunteer firefighters, our effort in that direction would often be lacking and we owe a debt of gratitude to that committed group of people. The other reality that can work against us is a personality feature. There is a perception in the public that police officers and fire fighters are born of the same or similar mold and that therefore, one could easily be or become the other. If you visit with anyone who has ever done either of those jobs, they would quickly tell you that perception is not real and that the personalities that are attracted to either of those fields are not similar. So, when you try to force those disciplines into one shell, conflict can exist. Another, and perhaps the most notable negative feature of the Public Safety concept has to do with recent events. The reality is that our post 9-11 world has created many more demands on all of our emergency services and it is becoming even more difficult for one department to satisfy and maintain all of those demands, and again, to maintain the quality of services at the desired level.

So, the next time you drive by our (your) Public Safety Building, or see a patrol car or fire unit on the street, stop and think about, and hopefully appreciate, the Department that you have and the effort towards efficiency of the resources you provide us. If you have any questions or comments about the department and our operations, please contact me at your convenience at 562-3209.



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## Phone Numbers

City Hall	562-8001
Airport	582-2233
Animal Shelter	562-3333
Code Enforcement	562-8027
Court Clerk	562-3526
Finance/Water Bill	562-8005
Transfer Station	562-8018
Mozingo Golf Maint.	562-2638
Mozingo Golf Course	562-3864
Mozingo Lake Maint.	562-2089
Public Library	582-5281
Community Center	562-2923
Park & Rec Maint.	562-2636
Swimming Pool	562-2663
Public Safety	562-3209
Public Works	562-8012
Street Dept.	562-8012
Water Maint. Dept.	562-8019



## Mozingo Lake Golf Course Upgrades

by Rick Schultz, Golf Course Professional



During the winter months (basically from Jan.1-March 1) golfers always wonder what goes on at the clubhouse. Unlike last winter when we were open almost every day, this year has been a little different. Because of the snow and cold temperatures we haven't had a round of golf in weeks.

We still come out to the course 7 days a week to take reservations for golf outings, use of the upstairs banquet room and answer questions about the new rates. We have also taken on several projects to improve and enhance the inside of the clubhouse.

The pro shop office and snack bar have been re-painted. New signs and curtains will be arriving soon to give the snack bar a Coca-Cola®™ theme. The counters in the pro shop, snack bar and various trim have been

re-stained and the carpet upstairs and downstairs have been professionally cleaned. We also constructed a workbench in our storage room to give us a place to re-grip clubs.

Dates and information regarding all the Mozingo sponsored golf tournaments; leagues and junior golf are being finalized. More information will become available by calling 562-3864.

### GOLF TOURNAMENTS

- Mozingo Masters April 7<sup>th</sup> (2-person team)
- Memorial Day S.B.A May 28<sup>th</sup> (2-person team)
- Mozingo Open June 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> (36 hole individual event)
- PGA McGladrey Championship Qualifying June 30<sup>th</sup> (3-person team)

- 7-7-7 Lucky Day July 7<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup> day, 7<sup>th</sup> month, 7<sup>th</sup> year)
- Northwest Missouri 2-Man Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> (36 hole best ball)
- Labor Day Shamble Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> (2-person team)

### LEAGUES

- Senior Men's League starts Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.
- Ladies League starts Tuesday May 29<sup>th</sup> 5:45 p.m.
- Men's League starts Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

### JUNIOR GOLF

Instruction and playing starts Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00, 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.

## Remember....

**Think Golf,  
Think Mozingo.**



## How Winter Play Can Affect Conditions on the Golf Course

by Ron Darnell, Mozingo Golf Course Superintendent

Snow cover is a wonderful thing to see on the golf course as far as the Superintendent is concerned. Not only does snow provide much needed moisture but it also acts as an insulating blanket over the turf. This insulation helps prevent freezing crown hydration as well as wind desiccation. Snow cover also leaves the course unplayable thus alleviating the tough decision a Superintendent has to make. *Should golfers be allowed to play today?*

Allowing winter play is a tough decision; I must balance agronomic concerns with golfers and lost revenue. Winter play is injurious to the turf and the

grass does not recover until weather conditions are favorable for green-up and regrowth. Winter play is hardest on the putting surfaces because traffic can leave an already thin stand of turf vulnerable to frost and draught damage. When the course is not white with snow there are four conditions that occur.

- Dry unfrozen soil – Let the golfers play.
- Frozen soil – Will result in some wear injury but golfers are still welcome.
- Wet unfrozen soil - Potential damage from compaction is significant but play

should probably go on.

- Thawing soil (unfrozen and wet on the surface but frozen below) - This condition can result in both wear and soil compaction. Grass can actually be sheared from its roots. Play should be avoided if possible.

Pleasant winter weather may be good for golf, but it is a challenge for the greenskeeper who must face protecting a fragile golf course with other maintenance duties, including postponed indoor projects, and equipment upkeep. To learn more, please contact Mr. Ron Darnell at 562-2638.



Don't Forget to check your smoke detectors when Daylight Savings Time begins on March 11