

# City of Maryville Newsletter



The City Of  
**MARYVILLE**

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City Offices will be closed Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day

## City Officials

- Mayor—Chad Jackson
- City Council Member—Carole Coutts
- City Council Member—Pat Cummings
- City Council Member—John Jasinski
- City Council Member—Mike Thompson
- City Clerk—Sheila Small
- City Manager—Matt LeCerf
- Finance Director—Denise Town
- Human Resources Manager—Amy Strough
- Parks & Recreation Director—Rod Auxier
- Public Safety Director—Keith Wood
- Public Works Director—Greg Decker

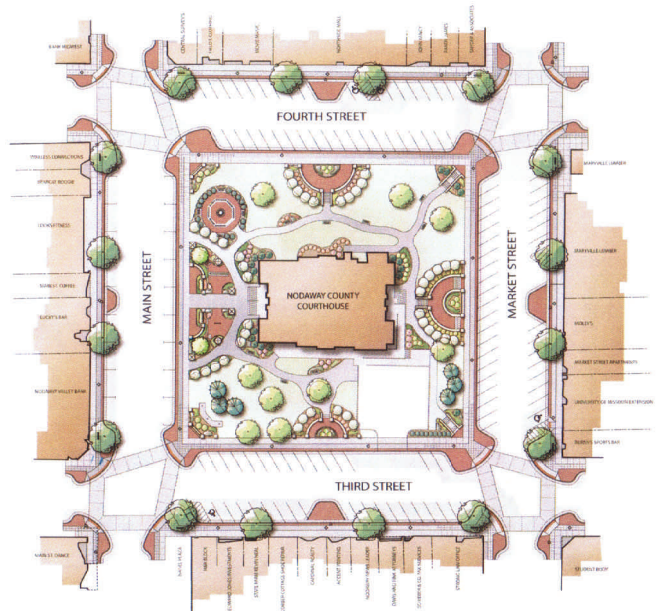
## Streetscape Project

by Matthew LeCerf, City Manager

The Campaign for Community Renewal, Nodaway County Economic Development, Nodaway County, and the City of Maryville are about to embark on an unprecedented contract with Loch Sand & Construction Company to revitalize downtown Maryville and the block immediately surrounding the Historic Nodaway County Courthouse. This project was made possible through several sources, including private donations from individuals, businesses, and industries, as well as through tax credits received by Nodaway County Economic Development from the Neighborhood Assistance Program. The county and city have also contributed to the project through grant funds obtained through Missouri Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, cash, and in-kind services.

Loch Sand & Construction will begin construction on the project May 14, which will consist of the base bids for Nodaway County and Maryville, plus Phase I. Construction will take place from the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street intersections on and including Market Street, as well as in the area immediately surrounding the Courthouse. The project timeline proposes that the work be completed within 140 working days (defined as 6 hours of workable time – weather conditions to consider).

As a whole, the downtown re-



## MARYVILLE STREETSCAPE MASTER PLAN

talization project addresses pedestrian crosswalks and sidewalks. It also improves the area's lighting and landscaping. The Streetscape Project creates an inviting atmosphere that encourages the community's citizens and visitors to enjoy the Courthouse lawn and surrounding Square by placing street furniture, plantings, and trash receptacles for a clean, aesthetically pleasing environment. Brick stamped sidewalks, banners and hanging baskets mounted on the light poles will add interest and continue the theme from the Courthouse lawn. The Nodaway County Commission, City of Maryville,

and Campaign for Community Renewal's goal is to create a more economically viable downtown that is a pedestrian and vehicle friendly place to do business.

This project is the evidence of hard work and cooperative partnerships as demonstrated by the business owners, industries, citizens, the Campaign for Community Renewal, Nodaway County, and the City of Maryville. Come get involved and be part of the excitement. If you have questions about the project and locations of construction during the phases, please contact Matt LeCerf, City Manager at 562-8001.

## Detecting Water Leaks in Your Home

by Denise Town, Finance Director



Finding water leaks can save you water, which means saving money on your water and sewer bill. In most instances the leak is found inside the tank of a bathroom stool (the rubber flapper that lets water from the tank enter the bowl is most often the cause of the problem). The other major cause of leaks in the tank is the filler valve assembly. This assembly can be out of adjustment, letting the tank over fill or it can just be leaking.

It is important to note that regular tank maintenance can help prevent leaks. The rubber flapper should be replaced every

two to three years. Always replace parts with high quality parts. The filler valve assembly should last several years depending upon the quality.

Here are a few tips to help you check for a leak:

1. Listen. You may be able to hear the water moving through the valve assembly inside the tank.
2. Put your hand on the side of the tank. If the tank is cold or sweating and you have not flushed it for a while you may have a leak.
3. Take the tank cover off and check the water level of the

tank. It should be set so it is below the over flow level.

4. Add a few drops of food coloring in the tank. In ten minutes check the bowl. If any of the colored water is in the bowl you need to do maintenance of the tank.

Even small leaks can add up quickly. A continuous leak from a 1/16" stream can add up to over 24,000 gallons of lost water in a one month period. Dripping faucets should be fixed as soon as they start.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the water billing office at 562-8005.

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## Keep Fire Safety on the Front Burner

by Phil Rickabaugh, Fire Lieutenant



More than 4,000 Americans die each year in fires and 20,000 are injured. Many of them might be alive today if they would have had and used information they needed to avoid disaster.

Did you know?

- 82% of all fire deaths occur at home.
- Senior Citizens, age 65 and older and children under the age of 5 are at the greatest risk of death from fire.
- Deaths due to an inability to escape are particularly preventable.
- Having a working smoke detector/alarm reduces one's chances of dying in a fire by nearly half.

Here are a few simple safety tips, that if followed could dra-

matically improve the survivability for you and your family in the event of a fire.

- Make sure you have properly installed/working smoke detectors throughout the house. These should be tested and the battery changed twice yearly. (A good time to service these is at day-light savings time changes, it's easier to remember then, "change the clock—change the batteries".)
- Know your local emergency phone numbers. Our community, as with most, uses 9-1-1.
- Practice finding your way out of the house with your eyes closed, crawling or staying low and feeling your way out of the house.

- Never open doors that are hot to the touch.
- Teach your family to stop, drop to the ground and roll ("stop-drop and roll") if their clothes catch fire.
- Designate a meeting place outside and take attendance. Get out and stay out!
- Remember to escape first, then notify Public Safety.
- Make sure everyone in your family knows at least two ways to escape from each room in the house.

We hope that you never are in a situation to apply these in a real event, but again if needed, these tips, if remembered and practiced, can help save your life and the lives of those you love. Be safe!!

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## Seasonal Employment has a Hefty Price Tag

by Amy Strough, Human Resources Manager

Seasonal employment makes the number of City employees nearly double every summer. During the winter months, the City's total employment level is around 120-140 employees, but once summer begins our employment level rises to around 240-250 employees. From April 1 to October 1 of last year we spent approximately \$220,000 in payroll expenses for our seasonal employees alone. That cost is expected to increase this year with the increase in the state minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$6.50.

Without the help of our seasonal employees, it would be impossible for us to maintain our grounds as well as provide our citizens with quality summer recreational activities. Seasonal employees work in several different areas within the City such as Parks & Recreation, Cemetery Maintenance, and Mozingo Lake and Golf Course. During the summer our

expanded workforce includes lifeguards, swimming instructors, umpires, officials, concessionaires, mowing & maintenance laborers, lake information booth greeters, cabin cleaners, security guards, golf course snack bar attendants, pro shop employees, and golf cart attendants.

The never ending chore of mowing grass is by far the biggest task for all 3 areas. It takes a lot of time, energy, and money to maintain all of the City's grounds. At Mozingo Lake Park alone, approximately 175 acres of grass must be continuously mowed to ensure a pleasurable experience for our many guests. The golf course accounts for another 72 acres and includes several other chores besides mowing that are necessary to keep it in tip top shape. The Parks & Recreation department also stays busy mowing and maintaining 11 parks and 5 ball fields. They must ensure that

the ball fields are always in top-notch playing condition. On top of making sure that all of our recreational areas are kept up, we also maintain 2 cemeteries: Oak Hill Cemetery and Miriam Cemetery. Oak Hill Cemetery is 29 acres and Miriam Cemetery is 33 acres, and the maintenance for these two cemeteries includes the tedious job of weed-eating around all of the headstones to ensure a respectful appearance.

Seasonal employees are a valuable asset to the City because they make it possible for us to provide our citizens with a well maintained place to live and enjoy a variety of recreational activities. So the next time you sink a hole in one at the golf course, or hit a grand slam at one of the ball fields, remember how much time and effort it took the hardworking folks at the City to make it possible for you.



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New airport terminal building

## Airport Gets a Makeover

by Kevin Rankin, Airport Manager

The Northwest Regional Airport has been an integral part of our community for quite some time, by making our city more accessible to people from outside the immediate area. It has long been a goal to make sure these individuals can come to the airport and find the resources they need such as a proper landing area, transportation into town, accessibility to weather information, fueling facilities, comfortable resting areas, and a friendly staff. In order to meet these needs, an airport master plan was developed in 2003 to make improvements to the facilities.

Recently the Northwest Regional Airport was granted \$460,000 in federal funding from the U. S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in or-

der to build a new terminal building. Construction of the facility began in January 2005 and structurally, was completed in January 2007. New furnishing for the terminal arrived in February, and the existing electronic weather equipment will be moved to the facility shortly. The terminal building will be complete with staffing, an after hours pilot's lounge, convenient weather accessibility and a meeting room which may also be used for community activities as properly scheduled. An open house is currently being planned for the facility; information will be coming soon.

Improvements are also being planned for the runway. The design calls for a 600 foot extension to the 4000 foot runway with a connecting taxi way

that will have access to a newly expanded apron. Ultimately the facility will be able to accommodate larger aircrafts. These improvements to the runway will make the facility more accessible to the public and flying community. The airport as a whole acts as a critical economic development engine by making the area more accessible for visitors, businesses, and developers.

The city hopes to have all runway construction completed by the end of this year. Certain factors which will impact this timeline include approval of construction plans and entitlement funds available for the project. If you have any questions please contact the City Manager, Matt LeCerf or the Airport Manager, Kevin Rankin.



Front desk station



Pilot's lounge



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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

## Small Business Development Centers

by Guest Columnist , Frank Veeman, NWMSU SBDC Senior Regional Director

Across northwest Missouri, your regional Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs), maintains offices in Maryville, St. Joseph and Chillicothe, to give both novice and veteran entrepreneurs the tools they need to make their businesses successful.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) maintains the Small Business Development Center program in order to provide education, training and consulting to current and prospective small business owners. SBDC's services are available through nearly 1,000 locations across the country. In northwest Missouri the SBDC program is a cooperative effort with funding provided by the SBA, University of Missouri Extension and Northwest Missouri State University.

SBDCs help businesses in every stage of development, from concept and start-up through growth and innovation. We provide professional analysis, confidential consultation and educational sessions to help entrepreneurs meet the daily challenges of staying in business and achieving success.

Through SBDCs, business own-

ers gain access to a vast network of professional expertise, resources, partners and assistance that can help answer virtually every question and address every need. Here is a list of just a few of the services your local SBDCs has to offer.

- Individualized consultation
  - How to start a business in Missouri
  - Evaluating your business idea
  - How to write a business plan
  - Marketing strategies
  - Financial analysis
  - Technology access
  - Further training and education
  - Loan application preparation
  - Government contract procurement
  - High tech innovation assistance and technology transfer
  - Partnerships with other agencies
- Encouraging entrepreneurship

and supporting small business are essential efforts if we are to continue growing our economy while maintaining the reality of the American Dream for our children, grandchildren and retirees. Small businesses make up almost 98 percent of all Missouri firms and account for just over 50 percent of the state's job total.

Last year alone, in its efforts to encourage growth within the all-important small business sector, Missouri SBDC offices helped entrepreneurs acquire \$70 million in loans and investments, produce \$172 million in increased sales, and land \$186 million in government contracts – results that led to the creation of more than 6,000 jobs.

For more information about the services SBDCs can provide for your business or start-up, call 660.562.1701 or e-mail me at [fvveeman@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:fvveeman@nwmissouri.edu). The Maryville SBDC office is located at 423 N. Market Street (64468) just off the northeast corner of the downtown square.

*Frank Veeman is senior regional director of the Northwest Missouri State University's Small Business Development Centers.*

***If you are interested in becoming a guest columnist in upcoming newsletters, please contact either Sheila Smail or Amy Strough at 562-8001.***

## Step Up and Serve Your Community

by Sheila Smail, City Clerk

The members of the Maryville City Council are probably the citizens best known for playing a valuable part in making our community the best it can be, but there are also several other citizens who serve as members of City boards. These boards consist of the Airport Board, Board of Code Appeals, Board of Zoning Adjustment, Cemetery

Board, Housing Board, Library Board, Nodaway County Extension Board, Park and Recreation Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Planting Committee. I encourage anyone interested in serving on a City board, to contact me and get involved. Presently we have openings on the Parks and Recreation Board and the Cemetery

Board. Even though some of the boards have no vacancies at this time, please contact us if you would consider serving in the future as the need arises. For more information, call the City Clerk's office at 562-8003 or e-mail me at [ssmail@maryville.org](mailto:ssmail@maryville.org). Thank you for your consideration.