

# City of Maryville Newsletter



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- Mayor—Chad Jackson
- City Council Member—Carole Coutts
- City Council Member—Pat Cummings
- City Council Member—Mike Thompson
- City Clerk—Sheila Smail
- 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

## New Skate Park a Reality

by Rod Auxier, Parks & Recreation Director

After years of discussion and planning, a skate park has been completed in Donaldson Westside Park. The facility includes a half-pipe, quarter-pipe, 3' wedge, a double 2' wedge with grinding rail, a grinding box, a free standing grinding rail and a skateable bench.

The concept of a skate park began years ago, but at that time MIRMA (Missouri Intergovernmental Risk Management Association) did not cover skate parks. A group of parents again approached the Maryville Park and Recreation Board (MPR) about providing a safer area for kids to skate about four years ago. Staff again contacted MIRMA who had begun to insure skate parks in their member cities.

The MPR Board informed the parents that they would consider placing a skate park in

one of the local parks if the parents could meet some goals.

1. Determine the need for a skate park
2. Form a committee to decide what equipment should be included
3. To determine the cost of the proposed project
4. To conduct fund raising to construct the facility (like other amenities in DWP)

A group of parents and kids made up the committee and they were successful in their mission and raised most of the funds for the equipment. The MPR Board approved funds to finalize the construction of the project. MPR staff with assistance from other departments and some volunteers poured the concrete. MPR staff assembled the equipment, and constructed the fence, while volun-

teers caulked the concrete pad.

This project was completed through the involvement of several individuals and groups. Funding from the Gladys Ricker Trust and the Tony Hawk Foundation Grant (both grants written by volunteers) were instrumental in making the skate park a reality. Thanks to the involvement of these individuals and groups, there is now a place in town that welcomes skate boarders, in-line skaters and others to enjoy their activity in a safer environment than the streets and sidewalks in Maryville. People of all ages (not too many over 35) have utilized the skate park, and it is not uncommon to see over 30 people using the facility after school. Currently, a large concrete area remains for "street skating" at this time, but if funding becomes available other amenities may be added in the future.

## Your Feedback is Appreciated

by Amy Strough, Human Resources Manager

In an effort to provide quality services to our citizens and to our employees, the City has installed a Comment Card box inside City Hall. Our goal is to ensure that citizen and employee satisfaction is met with flying colors. We hope that the comment cards will generate lots of valuable feedback that will help us be the best we can be.

Each comment card will be personally read by the City Man-

ager and the Human Resources Manager, with serious consideration put into each comment. Every comment will receive equal consideration and we will give our best effort to ensure that satisfaction is met. Since the box is locked, all comments will re-



main confidential. Please feel free to utilize this tool as much as possible. We want all of your comments, including the good, the bad, and the ugly. The Comment Card box is located near the stairs inside City Hall. If you would prefer to submit your comments online, please visit the Comments section on our website at [www.maryville.org](http://www.maryville.org). We look forward to hearing from you!!

## New Garage Sale Sign Ordinance Now in Place

by Sheila Smail, City Clerk



*“Any person found in violation of this ordinance may be subject to a fine of \$25.00 for each day said violation occurs.”*

Even though the garage sale season is coming to a close for this year, we would like to share with you an ordinance that was passed September 12, 2007, by the City Council. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the duration and location of garage sale signs.

Section 555.085: Garage Sale Signs, limits the number of signs displayed to five. Each sign shall be no more than four square feet and shall be limited to three feet from the ground to the highest point. All signs must be un-illuminated. Signs cannot be affixed to stop signs, street signs, utility poles, speed

limit signs or any other object permanently existing in the City right-of-way. Signs must be placed in the ground utilizing a pole, stake, or rod but may not obstruct the view of traffic from any direction and must be placed at least one foot from the curb.

Signs must contain the general statement of “Garage Sale”, location of the garage/yard sale, and dates and times which sale will occur. Garage Sale signs may not be placed more than 24 hours prior to the garage sale beginning and must be removed no more than 24

hours after the close of the garage sale.

Garage Sales may occur from 6:00 am until 7:00 pm, on any given day. Any person found in violation of this ordinance may be subject to a fine of \$25.00 for each day said violation occurs.

Section 555.085: Garage Sale Signs, can be read in its entirety by logging on to [www.maryville.org](http://www.maryville.org), click on Ordinances, Title V, Section 555.085. If you have questions, feel free to contact the City Clerk’s office at 562-8003 or through e-mail at [ssmail@maryville.org](mailto:ssmail@maryville.org).

## Who Needs Special Event Liability Insurance?

by Amy Strough, Human Resources Manager



*“Certificates of insurance and hold harmless agreements are used to transfer risk and the financial responsibility from one party to another should an accident occur.”*

Do you have a special event coming up soon and want to use City property? If so, did you know that you are required to hold liability insurance for the event? When someone wishes to use City property for an event, the City requires the user to either provide proof of liability insurance through a certificate of insurance or purchase special event liability insurance through the City’s insurer. In addition to providing proof of liability insurance, the City also requires the user to sign a hold harmless agreement to further indemnify the City. Certificates of insurance and hold harmless agreements are used to transfer risk and the financial responsibility from one party to

another should an accident occur.

Any organization that wishes to utilize City owned property for any reason should carry general liability insurance with a combined single limit of not less than \$1 million per occurrence with an annual aggregate limit that is not less than \$2 million, though it may be possible that this is not enough. Prior to the event, the City will require a copy of the certificate of insurance with the City listed as an additional insured. If an organization is not able to obtain their own liability insurance or feels that it is too expensive, they may purchase special event liability insurance through the City’s insurance carrier. The

price of this insurance varies depending on the hazard level, number of people in attendance, and whether or not alcohol is served.

When planning any type of special event on a City street, there is also an application and approval process, which does require the City Council’s approval. All of these processes help insure the public’s safety and help you schedule your event with out any unforeseen problems. The applications for street closings and special event liability insurance can be obtained from the City Clerk or the Human Resources Manager. For more information or for a price quote on insurance, please call 562-8001.

## City Offices will be closed on the following days in November

Monday, November 12 in observance of Veteran’s Day

Thursday, November 22 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday

Friday, November 23 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday



## New Fiscal Year Budget Implemented

by Matt LeCerf, City Manager

On Monday September 27, 2007 the Mayor and Council adopted the October 2007 – September 2008 fiscal year budget. This is due in large part to the hard work performed by City department heads to identify the needs, services, and expectations provided by the city and to the citizens. The budgets were balanced and adopted at the following levels:

- General Fund - \$6,735,311
- Mazingo Fund - \$2,223,645
- Water/Wastewater Fund - \$6,119,372
- Solid Waste Fund - \$661,500

A large portion of the general fund is comprised of grant funds from MoDOT and HUD for the streetscape project. These grants make it possible for no city funds to be used for this project. Also, MoDOT Entitlement Funds are being used for the planned airport improvements which are anticipated for completion on July 31, 2008. The city is responsible for a 5% match on the grant dollars on this project. Lastly, MoDOT Transportation Enhancement Funds are being used for trail development where a minimum match in dollars or in-kind ser-

vices is required at a 20% level. In total, it is estimated that grant dollars will total around \$2.2 million and is reflected in the general fund number shown above.

Some of the major highlights for the budget include:

- A street program allocation of \$300,000 to improve various roads throughout the city limits.
- A plan to install 2 new water towers inside city limits which will improve water distribution throughout the system and improve water pressure in areas throughout the city for fire suppression.
- Installation of a seawall on the #11 par 3 at Mazingo Golf Course.
- Planned golf path improvements which will be performed on either ¼ or 1/3 of the paths based on cost per linear foot. This is tentatively planned for regular maintenance to be completed in 4 fiscal years.
- 6 new RV pads to be installed at Mazingo Park.
- Planned matching funds for Mazingo and City Trail Development.

- New loader for the solid waster transfer station.
- New mowing equipment for Mazingo's Golf Maintenance.
- Increasing the length of the airport runway by 600' and adding additional taxiway and apron, plus new lighting.
- A new 16 person youth cabin facility at the youth camp.
- Continued progress on wastewater design to prepare for new requirements in 2011.

One of the new processes implemented into the budget process is the development of goals and objectives by the departments. This is a manner in which to measure and justify the budgets of the various departments. A completed budget document in its final version with all narratives will be available sometime in mid November and available for review and comments by the citizenry. Also, the document will be posted on the city website at [www.maryville.org](http://www.maryville.org). Any comments or questions are encouraged and should be directed to either the City Finance Director or City Manager.



Don't forget to turn back your clocks on November 4th when daylight savings time ends

## Looking Back on the 2007 Golf Season

by Rick Schultz, Golf Professional

Hello Golfers! As the leaves turn and the temperatures begin to drop it's time to look back on the 2007 golf season.

All major outside events went off without a hitch or weather delay. The four tournaments plus the Men's, Ladies, and Senior leagues that Mazingo Lake operates, all had record participation. Junior golf was at

an all time high for turn out and interest. This marked improvement in talent and desire should show up in the high school teams for years to come. All of these factors are positive signs for the present and future of Mazingo Lake Golf Course.

Over the years, whenever I would play in a PGA event in Missouri or Kansas, I would

always return with an affirmation that we are equal or better than any public or private course I've played. I know that Maryville golfers feel proud and fortunate that they have such a fine facility at their disposal.

Plans are already in the works for 2008 with the expectation to build on the successes of the past year.

## Hours of Operation

### City Hall

M–F 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

### Maryville Community Center

M–Th 5:30 a.m.—10:00 p.m.

Fri. 5:30 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Sat. 7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Sun. 12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

### Library

M–F 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Sat. 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

### Landfill

M–F 7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Sat. 7:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. \*

\*Closed on Saturdays Nov. 1–Mar. 1

## Get to Know Your City Council

by Sheila Smail, City Clerk



Happy Halloween!!

### 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

Not on our mailing list?

Call Sheila Smail at  
562-8001  
or email her at  
ssmail@maryville.org

The role of a Maryville City Council Member is not an easy task. It involves a lot of responsibility and time with very little pay. The City Council is responsible for establishing policies to govern the affairs of the City, as well as adopting a budget for city revenues and expenditures, and performing other actions necessary to govern the City. City Council members must attend regularly scheduled council meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, which can last an average of 2 hours each. To ensure that council members are well prepared for each council meeting, every member receives a council packet for their review on the Friday prior to a meeting. In addition to fulfilling their regular council member duties, council members also attend various city board meetings, relating to city issues and often-times serve as a sounding board for citizens. Council members are compensated with a fee of \$100 a year, so you can be sure that they are not doing it for money. Many people may wonder why they are so generous with their time and talents. It is apparent that their generosity is linked to their desire to be able to make a difference in our community. Our City Council consists of five people with diverse backgrounds who try their best to serve our community well.

Serving as Mayor, Chad Jackson has been a member of the City Council for three and a half years. During his tenure, he served as Mayor Pro-Tem for one year. Mayor Jackson has had a career as a physical therapist at St. Francis Hospital, for the past 6 years. When the Mayor was asked what inspired him to serve on the City Council, he



stated that he had a desire to be involved in our community after moving to Maryville in 2001. A previous council member suggested that he serve on a city board and was appointed to the Park and Recreation Board in 2003. After further thought and prayer he felt led to serve as a City Councilperson.

Councilwoman Pat Cummings, presently serving as our Mayor Pro-Tem, has been on the Maryville City Council for three and one half years. Prior to becoming a council member she served 8 years as a member of the Board of Code Appeals, 5 of those years as Chairman. Ms. Cummings is the owner/operator of the local McDonald's and has been since 1986. Councilwoman Cummings is a deacon for her church and visits St. Francis Hospital and area nursing homes with her therapy animals, through her ministry called "Paws 2 Help".



Councilwoman Carole Coutts was asked to fulfill an unexpired term for Brad Lager in 2003 and has since been elected to serve another term. Prior to serving on the City Council, she served as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the City appointee to the Nodaway County University of Missouri Extension Office. Councilwoman Coutts is employed with Bank Midwest as an Assistant Vice-President and an Assistant Branch Manager, working on the retail side of the Bank with new accounts and home mortgages. She and her husband Rod, have two sons, Eric and Ryan, as well as four grandchildren.



Councilman Michael Thompson has been a member of the City Council the longest. He was elected to the City Council and took his initial oath of office on April 14, 1997. During his tenure on the Council, he has served as Mayor for 4 years and Mayor Pro-Tem for 5 years. Councilman Thompson was born and raised in Maryville, left for several years, then returned to make Maryville his home once again. Councilman Thompson has been employed with the Family Guidance Center for 1 1/2 years, as a Clinical Supervisor.



The member most recent to take the oath of office is Councilman Jerry Wilmes. He was appointed this year by the Council to complete the unexpired term of John Jasinski. By agreeing to serve, he hopes to contribute to a better Maryville and Northwest Missouri. He and his wife raised their family in Maryville and have strong ties to the community. He is interested in helping with economic development, recreational development and community renewal. Dr. Wilmes serves as Vice President of Student Affairs and Director of Health Services at Northwest Missouri State University. He is also the Medical Director of SSM Hospice and serves on the City's Trails Committee.



Mayor Jackson requests that all citizens get involved in their community and encourages each person to pray about how they can use their talents to serve others and our community in a positive manner.