



Main Street Project Progressing

by Greg Decker, Public Works Director

Beginning July 7, 2008, the section of South Main Street from First Street to Halsey Street has seen various phases of a major renovation. The winter of 2007-2008 was one to remember and one that many of us hope we will never see again. Some of the remnants of this past winter have lingered on, including most notably the damage to our major thoroughfare, Main Street. As a result of this past winter's storm, several other major weather events, and heavy traffic usage, Main Street was due for a complete reconstruction. In early summer, the City of Maryville contracted with a local contractor, Loch Sand and Construction Company, for a total overhaul of this section of Main Street. On September 12 the first phase of this project from First Street to Jenkins Street on South Main was opened to vehicular traffic. This section of the project now glows with pride for the citizens of Maryville with its new underground storm drainage, new larger water lines to every building, thicker concrete driving

surface, and improved street lighting. As the work crews progress farther south on Main Street, the expectations and excitement continue for the opening of the next phase.

While setbacks have been minor, anytime we deal with extensive earth moving equipment, and numerous areas of excavation, some unknown obstacles will show up. In order to obtain a completion date of early winter, city crews along with the contractor have done their best to keep the project progressing smoothly while maintaining an aggressive work schedule. A majority of the underground water line replacement has been completed by city crews and all of the water line replacement is projected to be complete during the first part of October. New storm sewer work has also been completed at the corner of Cooper and Main, with the addition of 2 new storm inlet boxes in this area of Main Street.

The contract continues to remove and replace sidewalks on

both sides of Main Street because of the desire to help promote a walk-able community. The sidewalks on Main Street will be noticeably wider with a 5' width. In future weeks, sod will be placed in the areas that remain earthen. Some of these areas will include the newly created islands on the east side of Main in the 100 block of South Main. This section of city street previously had no curb on the east side, which created a hazardous walking area for citizens. The new curbing will now define the border between the street and the sidewalk area.

This 1.4 million dollar project could not have been completed without the support of the citizens of Maryville and the passage of the CIP tax initiative earlier this year. A big THANK YOU goes out to all of the Maryville community. We believe that everyone will be pleased with the progress and improvements that will be accomplished with the support given by this tax.

Got a Comment or a Suggestion?

Visit the **Feedback** section of our website at www.maryville.org and voice your opinion.



Downtown Trick-or-Treat Night is October 30 from 5:00pm-7:00pm.



Mozingo Lake Haunted Camp Ground is October 25 from 7:00pm-9:00pm

City Offices to be Closed for Holidays



Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 11



Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 27
& Friday, November 28

Revolving Loan Fund to Help County Business Facades

by Campaign for Community Renewal

The Campaign for Community Renewal and Nodaway County Economic Development (NCED) are renewing their efforts to execute a county-wide revitalization project to continue to improve the street appearance around the Courthouse Square business district and in other business districts throughout Nodaway County. This includes loans at zero percent interest available through December 31, 2008.

The program is designed to produce visible changes to commercial building facades in

designated business districts and provide a more attractive area for citizens and visitors to enjoy. It is also designed to encourage economic development, community investment and job creation.

The NCED has implemented a user-friendly revolving loan program, which is being funded through generous community donations received in conjunction with the Missouri Department of Economic Development's Neighborhood Assistance Program. The maximum loan given through this program

is 90 percent of the facade renovation project up to \$15,000 and is a zero percent interest loan.

Loans are available immediately. Over \$100,000 is presently ready for improvements to businesses throughout the county. Monies that were appropriated by the state agency will be given back by years end if not utilized locally.

For more information or for an application, contact NCED at 660.582.4490 or ecodev@asde.net.

Weather, Keys, & Scams

By Keith Wood, Public Safety Director

Weather - I thought the timing of this newsletter was going to be good to discuss winter driving tips and issues since we will likely see snow fly before the next one. I am going to hold off on that to address a couple of what I perceive as, more pressing issues. For now though, please start preparing yourself and thinking about the change of season that is upon us and how that will impact your travels. As with most things, mental preparation is half the battle.

Keys – (perhaps more appropriately, locks). It is not unusual for us to experience a rash of incidents in a short period of time. The good part for us is that even though those occurrences can be a severe annoyance in terms of preventing more and investigating the incidents, historically when we

solve one, we are usually able to solve a mass because one party is responsible for or has knowledge of about all of them. Off and on this entire summer we have been experiencing car break-ins. Sadly, the vast majority of these are very avoidable by simply locking car doors. Even though we have submitted a plea several times via the media for people to LOCK THEIR CARS, it seems to have fallen on deaf ears and we continue to have car “break-ins”. So again, my plea is, help us help you, LOCK YOUR CAR!

Scams – This item is also an ongoing concern. Again, it seems like our efforts to caution people to protect themselves and be skeptical of offers that “seem to good to be true” are not heeded. We encourage people to call about

questionable offerings/ winnings, etc., but we still see way to many folks that fall prey to these cons and scam artists. It is further frustrating to us because of the complexity of investigating these matters, or more realistically, the inability to. Almost all of these scams leave the U.S. and any ability to thoroughly investigate (which is one of the key ingredients to their success). It is difficult to see the desperation on someone’s face when the reality of being “had” hits them and they realize that they have suffered, in some cases, significant loss. PLEASE be or remain skeptical and cautious to protect yourself from loosing your hard earned assets to offers that should never be given any more consideration other than the trash can.



Election Day
is Tuesday, November 4. Polls will be open from 6:00am-7:00pm.

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

Mozingo Lake RV Park Revenues Are on the Rise

by David Middleton, Lake Maintenance Superintendent

As the camping season at Mozingo Lake begins to wind down, we can reflect on the factors that made this past season a success. So far this year, the revenue brought in at the RV park has surpassed the revenue brought in last year at this time by about \$9,000. The probable main factor contributing to the increase was the addition of six new RV sites. The six new sites have definitely increased the overall number of visitors by bringing our total number of sites available for rent up to 95. Another contributing factor could have been the milder than normal summer we experienced this year, which

made for enjoyable camping weather. Rising fuel prices were also another probable contributing factor because of the pinch they have put on everyone’s budget. With the price of fuel on the rise, we have had a lot more local campers coming out to enjoy Mozingo. The number of campers coming from the Omaha/Council Bluffs area and the St. Joseph and Kansas City area has also increased. Visitors are continually giving us good reviews about the concrete pads and the close access to the water from these sites. Every year the revenue continues to increase a little bit as more and more peo-

ple hear about our lake. The RV park usually brings in 85% of its revenue during the months of May through September, with its three busiest week-ends surrounding the Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day holidays. Last year we had our 1st annual Haunted Campground in October. Campers decorated their RV’s and children trick-or-treated. It was a huge success and was the first time we filled the campground in October. We are planning for the 2nd annual Haunted Campground on October 25, 2008. Overall, it has been another great camping season at the lake.

Daylight Savings Time ends November 2.
Don’t forget to move your clocks back an hour.



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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

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 Openings with the City

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.

City Council Adopts FY 2008-2009 Budget

by Matt LeCerf, City Manager

One of the most difficult projects each year is the balancing of the budget. In the budget there are four (4) primary funds which operate independently from each other. These primary funds are: General Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, and the Mozingo Fund. With each budget season we enter into the process with the primary vision and mission of the City in mind. This mission states: The City of Maryville City Council and staff, in cooperation with members of the community is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life, while inspiring economic growth and vitality within the community. I believe that we have achieved this balance inside the budget which will enable us to provide services to our citizen at or above current levels. If you feel at any time this is the case or that your expectations are not being met, please contact me.

The General Fund has a total expenditure volume of \$7.4 million. This fund was balanced by the expected revenues including sales taxes, user fees, grants (both state and federal), carry over of funds from uncompleted projects from last year, a surplus in the contingency/reserves, and an unfortunate need to utilize reserves.

Some of the more notable items in the general fund include new equipment for both the fire and police departments, new airport fueling stations supported with grant dollars, new street roller for asphalt/pothole repairs, and development of GIS datasets for better management of records and infrastructure.

The water and sewer department has a total expenditure expected at \$5.7 million. The planned improvements in this department include two (2) new 750,000 gallon water towers to be strategically placed in the

City so as to optimize water pressure and distribution, and to minimize the number of customers out of service in the case of a main break. Other plans include the mandated requirements to improve our wastewater treatment facility effluent processes which entail making significant improvements to our 40+ year old system, and GIS mapping of our water and sewer infrastructure. This will enable us to implement a long-term replacement program to accommodate future growth and address old lines in a proactive manner.

Mozingo's operations are set with expenditures approved at \$3.056 million. One of the most notable projects for this fiscal year is the development of a new 10-year plan for the lake department. It will include the development of capital improvements which will be analyzed for effectiveness and implemented when beneficial to the park in a systematic method for long-term sustainable development. On the golf side of operations, we are exploring the possibility of replacing our deteriorating asphalt cart paths with concrete surfaces. The concrete surfaces will last approximately 40 years with little to no maintenance. This option far outweighs the costs associated with a phased approach of asphalt overlays every 5 years.

Lastly, the solid waste department is going to be the operation that experiences the most significant change in operations. This is due to the fact that the operations of the solid waste department currently have a negative fund balance. Our intention is to balance this fund using general fund monies at the end of the year if necessary. In order to reduce the negative balance, we are introducing a number of significant

changes to the operations which include:

- The transfer station only being open on the first Saturday of each month from the months of March–November between the hours of 8-12.
- Elimination of the city-wide spring clean up event.

The negative fund balance and need for changes is a result of many issues at the solid waste department which are both separate and related. We are currently working with MDNR on the landfill closure which is closer than its ever been before. Following closure we have long-term testing of groundwater and methane gas emissions which need to be complied with for 30 years. These tests must be performed by a professional geologist. As for the transfer station, we have a contract with a hauling company to dispose of the trash collected in town. The fees for this contract are directly related to the weight of the trash as well as a shifting fuel surcharge due to high fueling prices. As we proceed through the year we will continue to evaluate the operations and examine ways in which we can further narrow this gap in the solid waste department.

The final budget document should be completed sometime within the next 30 days and will be uploaded to our city website at www.maryville.org. I would encourage you to review the document and when you have questions please feel free to contact me by phone or make an appointment to discuss our plans. I hope this budget cycle enables us to meet your expectations as citizens'. Your satisfaction is our 1st and primary objective and City Staff and I aim to achieve this as well as our other city-wide objectives.