

# City of Maryville Newsletter



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*Merry Christmas from the  
City of Maryville!*

### City offices will be closed for the following holidays.

- December 23 at noon—Christmas Eve
- December 26—Christmas
- January 2—New Year's Day
- January 16—Martin Luther King Jr.



**Thank you for shopping  
Maryville this holiday season!**

## Jim Wiederholt Named Employee of the Third Quarter

*by Amy Strough, Human Resources Manager*

Code Enforcement Officer, Jim Wiederholt has been selected as the Employee of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2011. The other nominee was Paul Read.

Jim began working for the City in 1991 as a part-time employee in the Public Works department and quickly transitioned into a full-time employee with the title of Assistant Code Enforcement Officer. In 1998 he was promoted to Code Enforcement Officer. His position requires him to be certified in several different areas to perform inspections of existing buildings and new construction.

Due to a number of structural issues within the City, Jim has been put in the precarious situation of having to see the buildings razed and/or repaired in the downtown. He has been effectively and efficiently staying on top of both the property

owners and insurance companies to see these projects through to completion. Making matters more stressful has been the recent hail storm in mid-August which has resulted in him being responsible for a significant number of inspections that he recommended be waived (associated with the storm) to help the community rebuild from the sustained damage.

The expectations and stresses associated with the destroyed buildings coupled with the damage to property from the storm have been great. Jim has still kept a level head about himself while still keeping on task and seeing the issues through to their completion. He has created the accountability to others (property owners and insurance companies) and also seen that the needs of the citizens have been met during this time of crisis for them individually.

Although these tasks are certainly within Jim's general scope of work, the volume of work and the expectations from the top down in the organization and in the community have been met in a timely and efficient manner – an accomplishment which deserves to be recognized. Having the knowledge and experience Jim possesses has made the process that much smoother and seamless.

We are proud to have to have such a dedicated and knowledgeable employee on our staff. Thanks for all of your hard work Jim and congratulations on your nomination!!



## Caution for Holiday Shopping

*by Keith Wood, Public Safety Director*

Ho Ho Ho, tis the season!

As we enter this festive time and period where we all run around frantically to complete our Santa lists, there are a few things that we can do to ensure that our holidays won't be spoiled by falling victim to the predators in our midst.

If leaving for the holidays, don't send "signals" that you are away and that your home may be ripe for a break-in. Make sure it keeps a lived-in, stayed-in appearance. Keep lights on timers in various parts of the house. Make arrangements for

your mail and papers to be picked up. Have a trusted friend or neighbor keep an eye out and maybe even park their car in your drive from time to time.

If going shopping, especially "city" shopping, maintain an awareness of your surroundings. Be alert to someone that may be giving you a little more attention than you are comfortable with. Make every effort to not isolate yourself and to come and go in the parking lot with others around. Be focused in parking lots (not preoccupied on the cell phone, etc.) and

have everything ready to enter your car when you arrive so you can enter quickly. Make frequent trips to your car so you don't become overloaded and more appealing for a snatch-n-grab. Do not leave your purchased items or other valuables in open view in your car, put them in the trunk or cover them up.

I hope these are but a few simple things that if you keep in mind and practice, will contribute to a great Holiday.

Have a Great one and God Bless!!

### Sept. Beautification Award Winner



Bob & Susan Randall at 525 W. Edwards

### Golf Season Comes to a Close

by Payton Whitworth, Golf Services Manager

As the 2011 golf season comes to a close, the staff of Mozingo Lake Golf Course would like to offer a sincere Thank You to all of our many supporters. We take pride in each and every golfer, tournament organization, league player, vendor and employee that truly make Mozingo Lake Golf Course the premier golf destination in our area.

With the 2012 season rapidly approaching we look forward to seeing you all again and enjoying another wonderful season of golf, goodwill, camaraderie and competition.

The Mozingo Lake Golf Pro Shop is still well stocked for the golfer on your Christmas list. Come out this month for dis-

counts on all in stock merchandise. We carry a full selection of balls, gloves, clubs, shoes, and bags. We have a special assortment of men's and ladies' close-out Foot Joy shoes marked up to 50% off. Gift cards are always available and make great stocking stuffers for the golfer that seems to have everything!

### Denise Town Named CPFO

by Matt LeCerf, City Manager

Denise Town, finance director for the City, has received notification from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of her successful completion of its Certified Public Finance Officer program. This is a broad educational self-study program designed to verify knowledge in the disciplines of government finance. The Certification Program is governed by the Council on Certification. Technical and administrative support for the program is provided by Radford University's Governmental and Nonprofit Assistance Center.

To earn the designation of Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO), candidates must pass a series of five examinations covering the major disciplines of public finance:

- Governmental Accounting,

Auditing and Financial Reporting

- Cash Management and Investments
- Debt Management
- Operating and Capital Budgeting
- Pension and Benefits, Risk Management and Procurement

Candidates are allowed 3 1/2 hours to complete each exam, which consists of 175 multiple choice questions. A candidate has seven years in which to successfully complete the program; exams are offered three times a year. Once earned, the CPFO designation is maintained by participating in 30 hours of continuing professional education each year.

A candidate must meet the following two eligibility require-

ments in order to take the certification exams:

**Education:** A candidate must have, at a minimum, a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.

**Ethics:** A candidate must accept and observe the GFOA Code of Professional Ethics.

Once all five examinations have been successfully completed, a candidate must meet 3 additional requirements relating to government employment and GFOA membership to be designated a CPFO.



Denise Town, Finance Director

### Best Wishes Matt!



Thanks for 5 1/2 years of service to our community!! May you have even more success in Colorado!

### Retirement Party

A retirement reception will be held for John Stiens & David Middleton on January 11 from 2-4pm at City Hall.

John will retire from the Water & Sewer Dept. on 1/6/12 after 11 years of service, and David will retire on 1/31/12 from the Mozingo Lake Dept. after 38 years of service.



John Stiens



David Middleton

### City Hires New Mozingo Lake Park Manager

by Amy Strough, Human Resources Manager

Grant Evans has been hired as the new Mozingo Lake Park Manager. He will be replacing former Mozingo Lake Maintenance Superintendent, David Middleton, who will be retiring on January 31, 2012 after 38 years of service to the City.

Grant has 25 years of experience working for the Johnson County, KS Parks and Recreation District. Nine of those years were as a Park Ranger and the final 16 years were as

the Senior Park Manager. While serving as the Senior Park Manager, he oversaw field operations and resources management for over 1,400 acres of parks including Shawnee Mission Park.

Grant also has a bachelor of science degree in Wildlife Ecology & Conservation from Northwest Missouri State University. In addition to his bachelor's degree, he also has completed training in the following areas:

law enforcement, fire management, playground safety, and park maintenance & resource management school.

Grant and his wife have 2 daughters, one in college on the west coast and one in high school with plans to attend NWMSU in the fall.

We at the City are excited for Grant to join our team and hope that Maryville gives him a big welcome when he begins work on January 3, 2012.