Sunset Hills HORIZON

APRIL 2011, ISSUE NO. 629

WWW. SUNSET-HILLS.COM

Mayor's Memo

As I write this, we are still fielding questions about the heavily damaged remains of the tornado and why at two and a half months, they haven't been demolished. The problem centers on insurance settlements, requirements to rebuild or lose 25% of their coverage, and indecisions on what will happen to the area.

I'm hoping they're torn down as you read this. It's time we move forward.

Other matters of interest should include the fact the Sunset Hills Conservation Foundation has a sub-committee looking at ways to raise money to help the city acquire the former Paraclete property now owned by A1 Moore. This 10.5 acres would greatly enhance our Green Space, preserve some wonderful history of the area, and add to our Sunset Hill Parks. We can expect an announcement next month, I'm told.

Another effort to preserve our environment in Sunset Hills can be found in the new "GO Sunset Hills" Committee, chaired by Alderman Dee Baebler.

Organized as a Special Committee, created at Dee's request, they have no restrictions on membership, and dozens of volunteers are meeting to plan programs for us in the area of -Green Qptions for sustainability in our community.

Please take a minute to return the Survey linked to our website (www.sunset-hills.com) to help the committee prioritize their activities.

Check the enclosed calendar for their next monthly meeting. Everyone is invited. Call Alderman Baebler at 314-800-3613 for further information.

Be sure to follow all the activities sponsored by our Parks Dept. and "Go Sunset Hills" for Earth Day later this month. A full week of activities is planned.

Election Day is April 5th. Your responsibility to vote is not subject to the weather or other interruptions. Please fulfill your obligations and Vote!!!

More Later

GO Sunset Hills

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children. *~Native American Proverb*

From not-so-humble beginnings in 1970, when 20 million participated across the U.S., Earth Day has grown into a global tradition, with a billion expected to take part in 2011! Please stop by the Sunset Hills Community Center to participate in our Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 23rd from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. There are events all week in Sunset Hills leading up to this celebration! We will have fun activities for children and fun facts for the adults. Please check the Sunset Hills website for more details (www.sunset-hills.com).

Did you know....

1969 – U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin announces a nationwide environmental awareness gathering

1970 – The First Earth Day is observed on April 22nd

1970 - President Richard Nixon creates EPA with a mission to protect the environment and public health

1972 – Congress passes the Clean Water Act, limiting raw sewage and other pollutants flowing into rivers, lakes, and streams, only 36% of the nation's assessed stream miles were safe for fishing and swimming

1977 – President Jimmy Carter signs the Clean Air Act Amendments to strengthen air quality standards and protect human health

1990 – President George Bush signs the Pollution Prevention Act, emphasizing the importance of preventing, not just correcting environmental damage

1990 – President George Bush signs the National Environmental Education Act, educating the public of scientifically sound, balanced, and responsible decisions about the environment

Watch for more Did You Know facts next month.

If you have suggestions or questions regarding the G.O. Sunset Hills Committee, please contact Alderman Dee Baebler at dbaebler@sunset-hills.com or 636-600-0119. Let's G.O. Sunset Hills!

Business Bit: Institute for Family Medicine • 4590 S. Lindbergh Blvd. • St. Louis, MO 63127 • www.ifm-stl.org

Institute for Family Medicine

The Institute for Family Medicine is a traditional Family Medical Office and has been located in Sunset Hills for ten years. Practicing at this location are Dr. Campbell, Board Certified in Family Medicine, Dr. Feldner, Board Certified in Family Medicine and Sports Medicine, and Abby Borgmeyer, Certified Physicians Assistant. We accept most insurance. In addition to our practice in Sunset Hills, we provide medical services to the medically underserved at different locations throughout St. Louis. Our office hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and evening hours on Wednesday. The Institute for Family Medicine will be hosting its' first annual Trivia Night on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at the Sunset Hills Community Center. Visit www.ifm-stl.org for more information about our organization.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Business conducted at the March 8th Meeting:

The Board passed two ordinances.

Ord. No. 1796 – An ordinance approving the petition for the Viking Conference Center Community Improvement District and establishing same.

Ord. No. 1797 – An ordinance authorizing eminent domain proceedings against certain real property in the Tributary B/West Watson Road Area.

Any new business and/or PUBLIC HEARINGS to be brought before the Board will be dependent on action taken by the Planning and Zoning Commission at its meeting. Please see the Planning and Zoning agenda article for further information.

For any of our residents who may in the past have wished to attend a City meeting but have not done so because of a special need, i.e. hearing, sight impairment, etc., the City is pleased to announce that, with proper notice, we will make arrangements to accommodate your needs. In general we will need at least ten days notice prior to the meeting date. (So that we may contact an interpreter, etc.) Please call City Hall at 849-3400.

NOTE TO ALL RETAIL BUSINESSES

We ask that you take time to review the sales tax rate that is being charged at your location within Sunset Hills. The current sales tax rate is 8.175%.

For additional information please visit the Missouri Department of Revenue's website at www.dort.mo.gov/tax/business/sales/taxcards

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

March 2nd Meeting results:
No items were submitted for this meeting.
Therefore a meeting was not held.

April 6th Agenda

P-3-11 Petition for a Conditional Use Permit submitted by Family Pet Hospital, LLC to operate a Veterinary Hospital at the property known as 10400 Watson Road.

P-4-11 Petition for a Conditional Use Permit submitted by United Access to operate a Motor Vehicle Oriented Business at 10232 Rahning Road. The business will consist of installing ADA accessories on vehicles and also the sales of vehicles with ADA accessories already installed.

NOTE: Please check the website www.sunset-hills.com or call Trish Moore at 314-849-3400 prior to any meeting to make sure items have not been postponed or withdrawn from the agenda.

VOTE ON APRIL 5th

The following candidates have filed for the April 5, 2011 election.

Alderman Ward 1 - Dee Baebler, Jim Rode

Alderman Ward 2 - Scott Haggerty

Alderman Ward 3 - Jan Hoffmann

Alderman Ward 4 - Patricia Fribis

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

February 24th Agenda

A-17-10 Notice of appeal submitted by William and Lisa Winter for the following variances:
1.) Vary the side yard setback to the rear of the Western property line from the required 15' to 9.75' for the purpose of constructing a recreational sport court.
2.) Vary the side yard setback to the rear of the Eastern property line from the required 15' to 9.75' for the purpose of constructing a recreational sport court on the property at 12454 Cinema Lane.
APPLICANT REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE MARCH 24TH MEETING

March 24th Agenda

A-17-10 Notice of appeal submitted by William and Lisa Winter for the following variances:
1.) Vary the side yard setback to the rear of the Western property line from the required 15' to 9.75' for the purpose of constructing a recreational sport court.
2.) Vary the side yard setback to the rear of the Eastern property line from the required 15' to 9.75' for the purpose of constructing a recreational sport court on the property at 12454 Cinema Lane.

A-2-11 Notice of appeal submitted by Mr. & Mrs. Kulikowski to vary the side yard setback along the northern property line from the required 15'to 9.75' and in order for the proposed addition to line up with the existing garage, vary the front yard setback from the required 50' to 48' for the purpose of constructing an addition onto the existing home at 10610 Deerpath Acres.

From the Police Department

National Drug Take Back Initiative

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day, approximately, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet. Additionally, medications flushed down toilets or disposed in regular trash damage the eco-system.

In an effort to address this problem, DEA, in conjunction with state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the United States, conducted the first ever National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, September 25, 2010. The purpose of this National Take Back Day was to provide a venue for persons who wanted to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs. This effort was a huge success in removing potentially dangerous prescription drugs, particularly controlled substances, from our nation's medicine cabinets. There were approximately 3,000 state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the nation that participated in the event. All told, the American Public turned in more than 121 tons of pills on this first National Take Back Day.

Due to the overwhelming success of the first event, DEA has scheduled the second National Prescription Drug Take Back Day which will take place on **Saturday, April 30, 2011, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.** Join us at Sunset Hills PD and take advantage of this great opportunity for those who missed the first event or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of them.

HAM RADIO OPERATORS:
The New Year's eve tornado in our area made all emergency responders very aware of the need to maintain operational lines of communication. Fortunately, during this emergency that was not a problem. However, it is always prudent to plan for the worst. In case of a major communication breakdown, ham radio operators often have the equipment and ability to re-establish some levels of contact. If any of our residents are ham radio operators and would like to assist in case all other methods of communication breakdown please contact Lt. Greg Zveitel at gzveitel@sunsethillspd.com. The police department will establish a database of those willing to assist.

"I Speak for the Trees!" – Maintenance and Inspections

Spring brings new growth to trees with shade in the summer, color in fall and homes for animals year round. But how much do we think of trees past these ideas? Winter storms bring wind and ice that can potentially damage limbs or whole trees.

Another season is upon us and the warmer temperatures mean enjoying the outdoors. Plantings and vegetation start to turn green, but what about that tree that doesn't have any leaves on it? Could it be in trouble? When you and your family are enjoying your yard take a moment to have a closer look.

An inspection should be done seasonally or after severe storms. Since trees live for many years they also take a long time to mature. They are a living investment with a need for regular maintenance. There are several signs to determine what needs be done. Boring insects and woodpeckers can damage the interior wood and exterior bark. Pruning and the removal of decaying parts and growths are important to the safety and health of the trees. Neglect, improper care or cutting of limbs may also result in their requirement for removal.

The "drip line" or "canopy" of the tree needs consideration too. When working in the yard avoid using heavy equipment and storing materials under the canopy. The tree may not show signs of stress immediately as the affects could take several years. Compression or digging around or near the roots should be discouraged as it could kill the tree.

As of February 2010 the City of Sunset Hills enacted a new ordinance (27.75) "Vegetation and Debris Nuisances" for handling vegetation and trees on all properties. Every time a home is either rented or sold an Occupancy Inspection is required. This includes the home as well an inspection of the vegetation such as grasses, bushes, ground cover and trees. An observation or complaint of a "hazardous" tree may result in a notice from the City.

Sunset Hills is proudly recognized as "Tree City USA," a designation that means we care more that just being a community of homes and businesses. Please note that to remove a tree within City right-of-way (the 7 to 12 feet behind the pavement depending on the right-of-way width); a tree removal permit is required from the Public Works Department. Once the tree removal application is completed, the City will send a certified arborist to the site or property to make an evaluation and determination regarding its health, condition, and other factors as to whether the tree can be removed. Fortunately, there are several city staff members who are certified and can answer questions and perform tree inspections.

Title courtesy of "The Lorax" by Dr. Suess

Swim & Dive Team Sign Up

The City of Sunset Hills will once again be offering a Swim and Dive Team Program. All practices will be held at Sunset Hills Watson Trail Park Pool. We will begin taking registration for the 2011 season starting April 4th. All participants must be registered by May 14th to ensure a spot on the team.

Pool Member Fees:
$95 Swim OR Dive Team
$120 Swim AND Dive Team

Non-Pool Member Fees:
$145 Swim OR Dive Team
$170 Swim AND Dive Team

- $10.00 discount for each additional child.
- Pool Member is identified as an individual who has Purchased a season pass to the Sunset Hills Aquatics Facility for the summer of 2011.

Missouri Arbor Day

To celebrate Arbor Day the City of Sunset Hills is handing out seedlings to the first 125 people that stop by the Community Center on April 22nd between 9am and 5pm.

Easter Egg Hunt

Due to the repairs of the grounds in Watson Trail Park the annual City of Sunset Hills Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Community Center on Sunday April 24th beginning at 1:00pm. The children will be divided into three age categories: 1-3; 4-6; and 7-10. After the hunt make sure to check your eggs to see if a prize coupon is in one of them!

Electronic Recycling

The City of Sunset Hills Parks and Recreation Dept. and W. I.T. S. will be offering Electronic recycling the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Community Center parking lot at 3915 S. Lindbergh. Drop off your electronic equipment for it to be recycled.

For additional information contact W. I. T. S. at 382-1650.

Recycling

The City of Sunset Hills Parks and Recreation Department has placed containers in the New Community Center to recycle the following items:

1.) Inkjet and laser printer cartridges
2.) Cell phones
3.) Household Batteries
4.) Eye Glasses
5.) Hearing Aids

2011 SUMMER JOBS

The City of Sunset Hills Parks and Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

Pool Front Desk – Pool Snack Bar- Lifeguards

Applicants must be 16 years old or older. Applications are available at the Community Center at 3915 S. Lindbergh, Sunset Hills, MO 63127.

After-School Programs

Pollinators

Tuesday, April 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Age 6 and older

Minimum participants: 10; Maximum participants: 30

Description: Flowers can't walk so how do they spread to different places? Pollinators! Learn about the stages of plant growth and some of the pollinators that make it happen.

Historic Homes Tour

Come with us as we take a tour and learn the history behind some of the St. Louis area's unique historical homes. We will visit the Oakland House in Affton, Sappington House in Crestwood, Hawkin House in Webster Groves, and the DeMenil Mansion in St. Louis. We will also stop and enjoy the "high tea" lunch at the Sappington Barn Restaurant. Fee includes all tour admissions, lunch, and transportation by van. Wear comfortable shoes since we will be walking and going up and down some stairs.

Thursday, April 28, 2011, 9:30 -3:00 p.m., Fee: MCM Res. $55.00; Non –Res. $60.00

Register with Crestwood by April 20, 2011.

Nature Classes for Adults

Hummingbirds

May 17, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

Hummingbirds! Our tiniest jewels of the garden are easy to attract and bring up close. Come to this class to learn more about hummingbirds in our area, what attracts them, why they appear in spring and sometimes disappear for a month or two, then come back to our feeders. We'll give you the best tips on attracting and feeding them. Cost: Free. Limit: none.

Bats

April 19, 2011, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Nature's Mosquito Control. Learn about our local bat species and how they can help reduce the mosquitoes in your yard. Just a single bat can consume 3,000 mosquitoes a night. We will explore some of the myths surrounding bats that may change the way you see them. By putting up a bat house in the correct location, you can lure these beneficial animals to your yard. Cost: Free. Limit: none.

Living Green

April 20, 2011, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

We all know that it would be good to reduce our carbon footprint, but some of us are stuck with the question of "How can I do more than recycling trash and using CFL light bulbs?" Come join us for a number of great ideas that are easy to implement. We can get your whole family started on conserving energy and resources! Cost: Free Limit: none.

Spring Garage Sale

The Spring Garage Sale will be held on April 30th. This year we have added an additional twist. The City of Crestwood will be joining us on that day so now you will have twice as many homes to visit. Registration for this years sale will end April 22nd you may register by calling 842-7265 or stop by the beautiful new City of Sunset Hills Community Center. The list of individuals having Garage sales will be given out starting at 8:00 a.m. on April 30th at the Sunset Hills City Hall parking lot 3939 S. Lindbergh and the Crestwood Government Center, 1 Detjen Drive. *continued on page 5*

CRESTWOOD SUNSET-HILLS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce asks you to support the businesses that support this community.
Please visit the Chamber website at www.ourchamber.com to see a list of member businesses. Thank you!

German Holidays

German Holidays are firmly rooted in traditions. Many of these traditions have been brought to America by settlers. Learn more about the origin of these customs and how these holidays are still celebrated in Germany. Entertaining one hour presentation by a German presenter. April 15, 2011 9:00 -10:00 a.m.

Cost $2.00 per person. Space is Limited.

Light Refreshments will be served.

Lecture will be held at the Sunset Hills Community Center 3915 S. Lindbergh.

20 Pass Memberships

Parents your college student will be home on Spring Break soon. Why not surprise them with a 20 Pass Membership to the Fitness Facility. They can work out their frustrations at the fitness center.

- Adult Resident $99.00
- Non Resident $135.00
- Senior Resident $72.00
- Senior Non Resident $99.00

Hunter Education Class

Trained instructors use electronic media and other teaching aids to make the course interesting for both young and old. Topics covered include: Firearms use, hunting incidents, ammunition, traditions and ethics, conservation, safe hunting practices and responsibilities. This certificate lasts a lifetime and does not have to be repeated. You must be 11 years old prior to taking the class and must show proof of age. This certificate not only completes the hunters education requirement for Missouri but also 49 other states, Canada and Mexico.

Session: May 21st & May 22nd at 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

TO REGISTER GO TO:
www.mdc.mo.gov/hunt/huntered

Mole Class

Do you have moles in your yard? On April 21st at 7:00 p.m. Jeff Holper of Holper's Pest and Animal Solutions will be conducting a one hour seminar and Power Point presentation with valuable information and tips on how to remove moles from your yard. Please call the Community Center to register.

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 50 PEOPLE 314-842-7265.

Chess Lessons

The Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis in partnership with the City of Sunset Hills Parks and Recreation Department will be offering chess lessons by professional instructor youth and adults of varying skills. All classes will be held at the New Community Center, 3915 S. Lindbergh.

Adults: May 17-June 28th (No Class on June 7th) 2:00 -3:00p.m. Cost $42.00 Please register by May 13th.

Youth: (ages 8-16) June 14-July 19 3:30-4:30 p.m. Cost $42.00 Please register by June 7th.

Space is Limited to register call 314-842-7265.

Severe Storm Spotter Training

This class gives an individual the basic tools you need to be a severe weather spotter. Starting with a blue sky, individuals are taught the basics of thunderstorm development, storm structure, what features to look for and where to find them. What and how to report information and basic severe weather safety are also covered. The class is a multi-media presentation using still pictures and video.

There is only one class that is needed and offered by the National Weather Service to become a volunteer storm spotter.

Class will be held on April 9, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. –noon at the Community Center. Seating is Limited.

Community Center

Fitness

The Sunset Hills Community Center is the perfect place to come to shed those few extra Christmas Cookie pounds just in time for swim suit season! With all our different membership options you are sure to find the perfect fit!

Annual Membership

	Resident	Non Resident
Adult	$220.00	$295.00
Senior**	$155.00	$210.00
Family*	$350.00	$475.00

Monthly Membership

	Resident	Non Resident
Adult	$22.00	$29.50
Senior**	$15.50	$21.00
Family*	$35.00	$47.50

Meeting Rooms

Looking for the perfect place to hold that shower, meeting, trivia night, party, conference?? The Sunset Hills Community Center is ideal for any/all occasions!

Room Reservation Rates

Small Meeting Room:
Resident - $35/hour • Non Res - $45/hour
Accommodates 50 people each

Large Meeting Room:
Resident - $65/hour • Non Res - $75/hour
Accommodates 90 people

Multi Purpose Room:
Resident - $40/hour • Non Res - $50/hour

Gym Reservations:
Resident - $50/hour • Non Res - $60/hour

- Civic groups - $20 for 2 hours during non peak times
- Food may be brought in for an additional $25 clean up fee
- Room set up and break down is included
- A/V Equipment available for $15 each
- See room rules for additional policies

Aquatic Facility

With this break in weather it's time to start thinking about those good 'ol lazy days of summer. You know, the days where everything else can wait because you are sitting back enjoying a nice relaxing day at the pool! Enjoy countless times at the pool with your 2011 season pass! On sale now at the Community Center Front Desk! *Don't forget about our best deal yet! The gold package!! This includes the aquatic facility and community center all year round!!!*

Annual Membership

	Resident	Non Resident
Adult	$100.00	$180.00
Senior**	$80.00	$145.00
Family*	$200.00	$360.00

Gold Package

	Resident	Non Resident
Adult	$260.00	$390.00
Senior**	$195.00	$285.00
Family*	$445.00	$675.00

Cash for Trash

On May 7th from 9am-12pm you can bring aluminum cans, unwanted clothing and bicycles to the Community Center parking lot. The aluminum cans and clothing will be weighed and you will have the option of receiving cash, daily pool passes, or a discount on your pool season pass. For every bicycle turned in you will receive a daily pool pass.

* Family prices are based on up to 5 people; any additional members may be added for $20/person for residents and $40/person for nonresidents
** Senior is considered as 60+ *** Child is considered as 15 and under (2 and under are free)

Are you interested in receiving the newsletter via e-mail? If so, provide us with your email address. We will continue to compile a list. Please submit information to Trish Moore at pmoore@sunset-hills.com.

HORIZON

3939 South Lindbergh
Sunset Hills, Missouri 63127

PRSRT STD
U.S. Postage
P A I D
St. Louis, Mo.
Permit #1453

Sunset Hills Historical Society Meeting Schedule

The Historical Society traditionally meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Sunset Hills Community Center at 3915 S. Lindbergh Blvd. on the same campus grounds as City Hall.

April 25th – Lonny Boring of the Great Rivers Greenway and the trails along the Meramec River.

thank you!

City of Sunset Hills would like to Thank Georgia Dowling for her 17 years of service with the Parks & Recreation Commission.

CALENDAR

APRIL

5 April – Public Works Committee – 7:00 p.m. – Public Works Conference Room

5 April – Municipal Election

6 April – Planning & Zoning Commission – 7:00 p.m. – Assembly Room

18 April – Pool Advisory Board – 7:00 p.m. – Community Center

18 April – Advisory Tree Board – 7:00 p.m. – Public Works Conference Room

21 April – Business Development – 7:00 p.m. – Public Works Conference Room

25 April – Historical Society – 7:00 p.m. – Community Center

26 April – Board of Aldermen – 7:00 p.m. – Assembly Room

28 April – Sunset Hills GO Committee – 7:00 pm Community Center

28 April – Board of Adjustment – 7:00 p.m. – Assembly Room

Note: At the time of this print, a date for the Park Commission has not been determined. Please call the Park Office at 842-7265 for further details.

Aldermen Directory

Mayor
William Nolan. . . . 849-3400 x2249

Ward I
Frank Hardy 965-3762
Dee Baebler 636-600-0119

Ward II
Scott Haggerty. 842-2121
Tom Hrastich 849-5497

Ward III
Jan Hoffmann 842-5866
Stephen Webb 843-8283

Ward IV
Claudia Svoboda 842-2021
Patricia Fribis. 849-2022

Important Numbers

City Hall. 849-3400
Parks & Recreation Dept. . 842-7265
Pool 842-SWIM
Emergency
Police 911
Fire 911
Ambulance 911
Police Information. 849-4400
Vacation Watch. 849-7867