Sunset Hills HORIZON

OCTOBER 2011, ISSUE NO. 635 WWW. SUNSET-HILLS.COM

Mayor's Memo 9/16/11

Grab a cup of coffee; this could be a long one.

The Board of Aldermen meeting this month began by recognizing Jason Hanneken for Ten Years of service in our Parks Department. THANK YOU, Jason for all you do in maintaining our parks.

In a timely manner, the Board of Aldermen approved Business and Liquor Licenses for the new owners of Sunset Hills Golf Course, an upcoming event at Growlers (Oktoberfest), and 5K runs at St. Justin's Fall Festival and St. Catherine's Church, both Saturday, October 8. A public hearing was held changing the R4 Zoning front setback from 40 to 30 feet with no public comment.

An amended Bill No. 12 was read twice and approved setting the real and personal property tax rate at 5.4 cents for residents, 6.3 cents for commercial property and 6.0 cents on farmland. Concerned with a negative voter's reaction, the Board of Aldermen ignored the request from the floor by Finance Committee member and former Alderman, Mike Sawicki to raise the residential rate to 6.3 cents with the commercial. So while we search for revenues to balance the budget, we'll collect about $8,000 less than last year. (The annual increase would have been about $7.00 for the average household.)

The Collector reported General Revenue for the month about $10K above budget but we are still $187,251.00 behind for the year. Other Committee reports followed in rapid fire fashion.

Fifty-year resident of Court Drive, Gerald Smith, then appeared before the body and gave a very succinct and informative report of the financial conditions of the area and the sentiments of his neighbors on the future of the neighborhood. He advised they were collectively appearing before the P & Z in October and encouraged everyone's attendance.

Bill 14 was the first item of new business. It criminalizes not removing dog waste if deposited on someone's (other than the owner's) lawn. Not picking up after your animal can get you a $1,000.00 fine or 90 days in jail or both. Another attempt to use the courts to socially engineer acts of personal responsibility on the part of our citizens. Practically unenforceable, it did manage to use up 25 minutes of everyone's time for discussion of "dog do". I applaud Alderman Webb for suggesting the Board spend as much time on the budget when discussed in the future.

Rapidly setting the utility tax at the present rate, First Reading the R4 change, and setting a new salary of $100 per month for the next elected Treasurer/Collector (it is $100 per year presently) , the Board heard two Proclamations read honoring "Gold Star Mothers" and declaring September 17th through September 23rd, as "Constitution Week".

At this point the Board approved a motion creating and appointing a Sunset Hills Redistricting Committee to adjust the 2010 Census differences in the four wards. Chaired by former Fourth Ward Alderman, Frank Gregory, each Alderman named an appointee. They are Jim Rode and Drew Baebler in the 1st Ward; Mary Wuennenberg and Cliff Underwood for the 2nd Ward; Ann Ludlow and Kurt Krueger from the 3rd Ward; and Mike Svoboda and Art Havener representing the 4th Ward.

These citizen volunteers went right to work by attending an organizational meeting, Thursday night, 9/15, and scheduled their next meeting on Thursday, 9/22. Their charge is to accomplish this realignment by the October Board of Alderman meeting, on October 11.

I'll lay odds they'll do it, too! After all, they're Sunset Hills residents and our citizens can do anything.

More later.

OCTOBER REPORT

Aldermanic Report

Business conducted at the August 23rd Meeting:

The Board passed one ordinance.

Ord. No. 1808 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri, to execute the Municipal Housing and Community Development Cooperation Agreement of 2012-2014; and supplemental agreements thereto with St. Louis County with regard to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended.

Business conducted at the September 13th Meeting:

The Board passed three ordinances.

Ord. No. 1809 – An ordinance establishing the annual rate of tax levy for the year of 2011 on all property within the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri.

Ord. No. 1810 – An ordinance repealing Section 6-5 of the Code of Ordinances and enacting a new Section 6-5 relative to the behavior of animals.

Ord. No. 1811 – An ordinance maintaining business license taxes on the gross receipts of electric utilities.

Two bills will come up for a second reading at the October 11th Board of Aldermen meeting.

Bill No. 16 – An ordinance amending Subsection 4.6-4(B)1.a. of Appendix B of the Code of Ordinances relative to front yard setback requirements in R-4 Single Family Residential District.

Bill No. 17 – An ordinance establishing a new salary for the City Collector at the time of election or re-election in April, 2012.

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: 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.

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.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

September 7th Agenda:

P-9-11 Amendment to Appendix B, Section 4.6-4(B) reducing the front yard setback from 40 feet to 30 feet within the R-4 Single Family Zoning District – Recommended approval to the Board of Aldermen.

P-10-11 Recommendation from the Residential Recovery Task Force related to the tornado affected area of Court Drive, West Watson and 12418 Chrisann – Continued to the October 10th meeting for further discussion.

P-11-11 Petition for a Concept Plan submitted by Friendship Village to make renovations of the existing property to include recently purchased property for future expansion at Gravois Road and Pointe Drive - APPROVED

P-12-11 Petition for a Concept Plan submitted by Land West #7, LLC for a proposed gas station at 1430 S. Kirkwood Road - TABLED

October 10th Agenda:

OLD BUSINESS:

P-10-11 Recommendation from the Residential Recovery Task Force related to the tornado affected area of Court Drive, West Watson and 12418 Chrisann.

NEW BUSINESS:

P-13-11 Petition requesting the Commission to hold a public hearing at the November 2, 2011 meeting regarding changes to the City's Comprehensive Plan related to the tornado affected area of Court Drive and West Watson.

P-14-11 Petition submitted by Land West #7, LLC for a Text Amendment to the City's Zoning Regulations as it pertains to Appendix B, Section 7.3-3 standards for Motor Vehicle Oriented businesses.

P-15-11 Petition for a Change of Zoning submitted by Land West #7, LLC to rezone from C-1 Commercial to PD-LC (B) Planned Development-Limited Commercial for the property at 1430 S. Kirkwood Road and 111 Monica.

P-16-11 Petition for a Conditional Use Permit submitted by Land West #7 for a proposed Convenience Store/Gas Station at 1430 S. Kirkwood Road and 111 Monica.

Note: There will be a PUBLIC HEARING held on P-14. P-15 and P-16 at the November 8th Board of Aldermen Meeting.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

August 25th Agenda:

A-8-11 Notice of appeal submitted by Ray & Pat Donner to vary the front yard setback from the required 40 ft 19.69 ft. for the purpose of extending the front porch to align with the existing house at 11644 Larkridge Lane – APPROVED.

A-9-11 A-9-11 Notice of appeal submitted by Kevin & Michelle Studer to vary the front yard setback from the required 40 ft. to 20.9 ft. for the purpose of extending the front porch to align with the existing garage at 9124 Meadowglen Lane - APPROVED.

September 22nd Agenda:

There have not been any items submitted for September, therefore a meeting will not be held.

Stormwater Runoff Pollution

Ten things you can do to prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks and gutters
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Use less toxic pesticides, follow labels and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly

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.

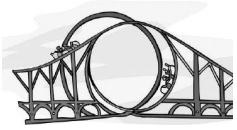
Join Us for a Celebration!

Stop by the Sunset Hills Community Center on November 5, 2011 from 7am to 7pm for a One-Year Celebration and Member Appreciation Day! Bring your friends and family because everything is FREE that day! Take a group fitness class, workout in our fitness center, have some food and enter to win a Fabulous Prize!

Don't Miss

- FREE group fitness classes!
- FREE FOOD!
- Drawing for a Fabulous Prize!
- Get Personal Training Advice from our Certified Trainers!
- Get Nutrition advice from our Registered Dietitian!
- Free for EVERYONE!!!

Six Flags Tickets



The City of Sunset Hills will be selling Six Flags tickets at a discounted rate! Daily tickets will be $30.00 and Season Passes are $57.00.

The Six Flags tickets will only be sold in the Park Administration Office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Bridge Club

The Drop in Bridge Club meets every Monday and Thursday from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. in the Community Center, 3915 S. Lindbergh. New members are welcome.

Chess Club

The Chess Club meets in the Community Center on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Beginner or advanced players are invited to join the fun.

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

Get Your BOOT in Gear!

Don't miss out on this Basic Training Boot Camp that is run like an old-fashioned military boot camp. The instructor will encourage, but not humiliate. Participants should expect to rapidly slim down, tone up and build endurance. The end of the program is marked with a celebration for those who have stuck it out and completed this 6 week boot camp!

Starts October 24th!

Classes held Monday-Thursday 5:45-6:45 a.m.

Register at the Sunset Hills Community Center Front Desk!

Fall Group Fitness Class Schedule September 12-December 2!

Check it out online at www.sunset-hills.com or stop by the Community Center to pick up your copy! Don't miss out on your favorite classes!

Zumba! • PiYo • Boot Camp
Cross Train • Total Body Conditioning
Mix it UP! • Senior Fit • Pilates • FitKick

Personal Training Packages

New to the Sunset Hills Community Center? Take advantage of our discounted Kick Start Fitness Package that includes three personal training sessions and a FREE fitness assessment and consultation! Get $40 off if you are a new client! Group Training rates also available! Visit www.sunset-hills.com for more details on Personal Training!

Private Hayrides

Due to all the construction in Watson Trail Park and City Hall the Private Hayrides will be held at Minnie Ha Ha Park.

Call the park office to book your own private hayride! The Parks & Recreation Department will be offering private hayrides beginning September 16th through November 12th. The hay wagon will hold approximately 25 people. A fun event for your church or scout troop!

Residents: $55.00 per 30 minute ride

Non-Residents: $75.00 per 30 minute ride

Halloween Hayride

Halloween Event - October 14, 2011

5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Activity Bracelets & Food Tickets:

Residents: $2.00/each

Non-Residents: $4.00/each

Activities bracelet include – Hayride, bounce house, pony rides, game booths, D.J., magician shows, clowns, face painting and pumpkin decorating

Food ticket includes a hot dog OR brat, bag of chips, cookie and drink. Tickets will go on sale at the Community Center starting September 16th.

St. Louis Wild Nights

We're going to get a little WILD this holiday season with Wild Lights at the St. Louis Zoo. If you have never been to the zoo on a winter evening this is a real treat. We'll walk through the exhibits as they come alive with more than 500,000 lights. You'll be able to grab dinner at the Lakeside Café (on your own) and do a little shopping at the Holiday Zootique too! After the zoo, we'll visit the fabulous light displays at Tilles Park, Kiener Plaza and the Anheuser Busch Brewery. Fee includes tours, escorts and transportation by van.

Friday, December 2 at 5:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Fee: MCM Res $32.00; Non-Res $36.00

Register with Webster Groves by November 23 at 314-963-5600.

continued on page 5

CRESTWOOD SUNSET-HILLS AREA
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!

Deer Alert

The chances for deer darting in front of fast-moving vehicles increase in November, according to the Missouri Department of Conservation, so drivers should be extra alert to avoid accidents. This is the breeding season for white-tailed deer, which makes them more active than usual and causes them to be near or cross highways more often.

Every year deer-vehicle collisions take a huge toll in lives, money and time. Drivers should be aware of the following; Deer are not just found on rural roads near wooded areas; many deer crashes occur on busy highways near cities. Deer are unpredictable, especially when faced with glaring headlights, blowing horns and fast-moving vehicles. They often dart into traffic. Deer often move in groups. If you see one, there are likely to be more in the vicinity.

Drivers should take the following precautions: Drive with caution when moving through deer-crossing zones and in areas known to have a large deer population. When driving at night use high beam headlights when there is no oncoming traffic. The high beams will better illuminate the eyes of any deer on or near the roadway. Be especially attentive from sunset to midnight and during the hours shortly before and after sunrise. These are the highest risk times for deer-vehicle collisions.

Community Center

Fitness

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

Membership Options	Annual Membership		Monthly Membership	
	Resident	Non Resident	Resident	Non Resident
Family*	$350.00	$475.00	$35.00	$47.50
Adult	$220.00	$295.00	$22.00	$29.50
Child**/Senior (60+)	$155.00	$210.00	$15.50	$21.00

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)*

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

Fabulous Day at the Fox Theatre

Your exciting day will start with a tour of the Fabulous Fox Theatre. We'll enjoy a great lunch buffet filled with pizza, pasta, soup and salad at Vito's. At the conclusion of lunch, we'll make our way back to the theatre for the showing of Billy Elliot the Musical. The show is a joyous celebration of one young boy's journey to make his dreams come true. The story follows Billy as he stumbles out of the boxing ring and into a ballet class, discovering a passion that takes him by surprise, and takes his whole family on an incredible uplifting adventure. Billy Elliot will enchant the dreamer in all of us! Be sure to wear comfortable shoes since we will be walking and going up and down some stairs. Fee includes tour, lunch, show and transportation by van. When registering, please let us know if you will be attending with anyone else that you wish to sit by during the show.

Thursday, November 10, from 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

MCM Resident /$82.00-Non Resident/$92.00

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

Register with Crestwood at 314-729-4860

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

MAKE AN IMPACT in St. Louis County!

National "Make a Difference Day" is October 22, 2011. Saint Louis County Department of Human Services' County Older Resident Programs (CORP) invites individuals, families, businesses and groups to MAKE AN IMPACT in their community throughout the year!

"MAKE AN IMPACT" options include: volunteering; "adopting" a needy family for the holidays; and informing relatives and neighbors that CORP offers a vast array of services that help seniors live independently at home.

To find out about these and other ways you may "MAKE AN IMPACT", please contact CORP Coordinator, Terese Labovitz: (314) 615-4435; tlabovitz@stlouisco.com. Individuals with hearing impairments may call (314) 615-4425.

CALENDAR
OCTOBER

10 October – Planning & Zoning Commission – 7:00 p.m. – Assembly Room

11 October – Board of Aldermen – 7:00 p.m. – Assembly Room

17 October – Pool Advisory Board – 7:00 p.m. – Community Center

17 October – Advisory Tree Board – 7:00 p.m. – Public Works Conference Room

20 October – Business Development – 7:00 p.m. – Public Works Conference Room

24 October – Historical Society – 7:00 p.m. – Community Center

25 October – Board of Aldermen – 7:00 p.m. – Assembly Room (If Required)

26 October – Park Commission – 7:00 p.m. – Community Center

27 October – Board of Adjustment – 7:00 p.m. – Assembly Room

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