

Mayor's Memo

Proposition P, the ½ cent sales tax to fund parks and storm water projects, was overwhelmingly passed in April 2007. Immediately staff began working on compiling a list of projects to be funded by the revenue generated by Proposition P.

Master Plans were updated, pool maintenance requirements were identified, public meetings were held, residents were interviewed, and engineers were hired to determine the scope of work necessary to address the parks and storm water needs within the city. In January 2008, the results of these efforts were presented to the Special Projects Committee of the Board of Alderman.



Sample Storm Water Projects

- Ward 1 – Tributary B – six structure replacements & eight bank stabilization projects
- Ward 2 – Richview Storm Sewer Connector – box culvert extension
- Ward 3 – Mattese Tributary – stream bank stabilization, culvert pipe replacement, basin modifications
- Ward 4 – Kennerly near Elnore – modify existing open channel with piped solution

These projects, along with many others, have been identified since May 2007. The likelihood additional projects will be identified is significant.

Projected Storm Water Project Costs

Design:	\$ 565,830.00
Construction:	\$4,450,537.92
Storm water studies:	\$ 55,000.00
Total Costs:	\$5,071,367.92

Funds for addressing these identified deferred storm water projects may be provided by Prop P monies allocated annually as planned in the 2008 budget. This action would require another ten (10) years to complete just this list of projects.

An alternative would be to issue City Municipal Bonds using our Capital Improvement Sales Tax as the funding source. Residents of Sunset Hills would be required to vote on extending the existing sales tax beyond the year 2016 expiration date. By approving the extension to year 2030, all identified storm water needs could be addressed and improved by 2010 with no increase in taxes.

Parks

The Parks department issues were just as dramatic and expensive. Here is the history:

- In late 2004 and early 2005, the Parks & Recreation Department conducted a survey identifying the facilities residents requested from Parks & Recreation. Survey response was 17% of total households. The top five priorities listed by survey respondents were Community Center, replacement of the outdoor pool, construction of a trail system, construction of an indoor pool, and land acquisition.
- In 2005 numerous meetings were held with the Special Projects Committee of the Board of Aldermen regarding the creation of a ½ cent sales tax for the construction of facilities identified in the survey. During this period probable

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SUNSET HILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY (submitted by the Parks Department)

The society was honored to work actively with the 50th Anniversary Celebration. The year began by mailing out calendars of historic sites, thanks to Architect/Artist Edward J. Thias for contributing his drawings. We participated in the Kick off by presenting revised copies of the History of Sunset Hills book to each residence. The Calendars and history books were complimentary.

Members participated in most of the activities throughout the year by selling water, history books and calendars, shirts, Ted Drewes Custard and helping wherever needed.

The Annual German Fest in cooperation with the Sunset Hills Parks Department was the usual enjoyable event.

The July event was honoring veterans at Laumeier Park with a great band and very impressive speakers. A number of veteran's received awards. The event was videoed and copies were sent to the Wounded Warriors Project in Florida, the American Hospital in Lundstall, Germany-where the critically wounded in Iraq are air lifted to for treatment. Another copy was sent to a desert base in Iraq.

A member organized a military display at Thomas Jefferson School.

A World War II coffee and get acquainted meeting at the Activity Center in August was well attended.

A pipe organ concert was presented to team leaders by resident member Edith Lustig.

Two house tours of the Historic Von Eime house were presented by members in August and September.

A piece of pink granite to be used for a monument that was gifted to the historical society by the Tapawingo Partners was engraved and placed by the time capsule. Another piece was made into a bench and installed by the Veteran's Monument.

You might like to join the Historical Society and participate in many things planned for the future. For Information call Historical Society at 843-5649.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Business conducted at the February 12th Board of Aldermen meeting

The Board passed three ordinances:

- Ord. No. 1712** — An ordinance adopting and enacting a stream buffer protection ordinance.
- Ord. No. 1713** — An ordinance approving the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission On-System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program Agreement for West Watson Road Bridge Project by and between the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and the City of Sunset Hills.
- Ord. No. 1714** — An Ordinance accepting all terms and provisions of the settlement agreement with Sprint Spectrum, L.P. and Nextel West Corp., Et Al. relative to municipal taxes.

The Mayor and the Board welcome the following new business:

System Design Associates, 3760 S. Lindbergh Blvd. Suite 102

No bills will come up for a second reading at the March 11th Board of Aldermen meeting:

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 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.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

February 6, 2008

NEW BUSINESS:

- P-3-08 Petition for a Boundary Adjustment submitted by James Praprotnik to Convey approximately 990 sf from 12186 Bridle Trail to 12180 Bridle Trail to allow the owner at 12180 Bridle Trail easier access. Postponed until March - no meeting was held.

March 5, 2008 Agenda

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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

No items were submitted therefore no Board of Adjustment Meeting Held in January.

Also no items were submitted for February and there will be no meeting held in February.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Tuesday, April 8, 2008 is Municipal Election Day in Sunset Hills. The candidates are: Mayor – Mike Svoboda and John Hunzeker (incumbent); City Collector – no candidates filed; Alderman Ward 1 – Franklin A. Hardy, Jr. (incumbent); Alderman Ward 2 - Thomas Hrastich (incumbent) and John E. Smith; Alderman Ward 3 – Stephen M. Webb; Alderman Ward 4 – Frank Gregory (incumbent) and Brett Syberg.

Spotlight on Public Works

Construction zone safety

Within the City of Sunset Hills there are several construction zones on any given day. Not only are there two crews within the City's Street Department, there are other projects taking place within the City right-of-way such as utility work for a new subdivision or perhaps one of the City's contractors working on a major roadway improvement.

Here are some important tips to remember when traveling through a construction zone:

- 1) Slow down. Reduce your speed to 15 miles per hour.
- 2) Read the signs that have been posted.
- 3) Be cognizant of where the workmen are located.
- 4) Follow the direction of the flagman who is directing traffic.



Citizens frequently express their concerns regarding traffic speeds in residential neighborhoods. The police department makes daily efforts at speed control in our city. These measures include actively patrolling our neighborhood streets, stationary radar operations, setting up our speed display trailer and positioning police vehicles in visible areas to slow drivers down.

As A Driver... know and obey the speed limits Speed limits are considered by law to be safe and prudent under normal conditions. This lower speed limit allows for a greater reaction time and shorter necessary stopping distance to avoid a hazard in the roadway. In Sunset Hills, most residential streets have speed limits in the 20-25 mph range.

Watch for and yield to pedestrians in the roadway Pedestrians are commonly present in residential neighborhoods. A pedestrian has the right-of-way in marked crosswalks at an intersection

As a parent, set a good example for your children. Children often learn by watching and imitating their parents. Talk with your teens about traffic safety and let them know about the responsibilities that drivers assume for their own safety and that of passengers. Your actions as a driver, pedestrian or bicyclist should always set a good example.

As A Resident...get involved. Be aware of road conditions, traffic patterns and alternate routes to your destination. Be aware of the rules of the road as a pedestrian, bicyclist, or motorist. Call the police department if you have a traffic concern and would like to discuss the measures available in your neighborhood for speed control. Please contact either Lieutenant Mike Swofford or Greg Zveitel at 849-4400 Monday through Friday 7am to 10pm.

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costs and a sketch of a potential community center location was determined.

- In December with a new mayor, the Board of Aldermen approved placing a ½ cent sales tax on the April 2007 ballot.
- April, 2007 after much work from residents and Friends of the Park; Proposition P passed with a 68% approval.
- In 2007 the Parks & Recreation Department conducted another survey of residents. The results were the same as identified in the 2004/2005 surveys.
- With the survey results confirmed, the Park Master Plan was updated. The Watson Trail Pool Audit, a Truman Pool Audit and a Trail survey were conduct. Each of these efforts involved required input from residents at public meetings, including numerous surveys conducted at such meetings.

Recommendation

In January the **Parks Board, Park Master Plan Steering Committee, Pool Advisory Board and Claire Gemp Davidson Memorial Conservation Commission** presented their request to the Special Projects Committee of the BOA. The five formal requests are the minimum expectation of the boards and commissions. Funding for the request would be achieved by issuing Municipal Bonds supported by Proposition P funds.

Construction of a minimum 20,000 sq. ft. Community Center and Wellness facility.

Renovation of an indoor pool, or construction of a new indoor pool

Construction of a replacement outdoor pool, or major renovation to the existing pool.

A trail system throughout the city and future land acquisitions.

A Request for Qualifications for site selection and design of the above items will be presented to Special Projects committee of the BOA in February. It is expected the cost for the above recommendation will be between \$5.7 and \$9.5 million dollars. Funding for the request would be achieved by issuing Municipal Bonds supported by Proposition P funds.

Summary

This is an exciting time in the history of our community. After years of fits and starts, a path toward funding deferred infrastructure issues and resident requested park facilities is identified. We still have a long way to go, and if we all work together our path is clear.

CONDOLENCES

On behalf of the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen and the entire staff of the City of Sunset Hills, we wish to offer our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of those lost in Service to their community in Kirkwood on February 7th. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your entire community.

**From A Resident: To Robert Riggs,
Street Superintendent,
Public Works Department**

Mr. Riggs,

Thank you very much for repairing my mailbox damaged by a snow plow operator on Friday, Feb. 1, 2008. I called you at 8:30 this morning, 4 Feb 08, and within the hour you were examining the mailbox assessing what repairs were necessary. Within the next 2-3 hours, it had been fixed to my complete satisfaction. I certainly had not anticipated the promptness of your actions or your courtesousness – I really expected that it would be a giant hassle.

Once again, sincere thanks from a happy and satisfied Sunset Hills citizen. Please pass this email along to those who would be interested in knowing what a great job you are doing.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Hobbs

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS
GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CITY

1. How many families can you name that have been in the area for 100 years???
2. What is the name of the Oldest Automobile Dealership west of the Mississippi River?
3. Who was the first Fire Marshal, Sheriff, and in charge of Snow Removal? He used his own equipment and fuel. (What was his salary??)
4. What was the city's incorporation date?

Answers are at the bottom of this article.

Congratulations to Al Moore, SSH Historical Society Member, long time resident for being honored as THE 2008 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR by the Crestwood/Sunset Hills Chamber of Commerce.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PROGRAM ON CIVIL WAR IN MISSOURI

February 25th at the Sunset Hills City Hall - 3939 South Lindbergh Blvd at 7:00 PM ---True Civil War account by one who was there. Gary Scheel, Author will present a program on his great great grandfather's Civil War experiences when he fought with the 31st Missouri Infantry under the command of General William T. Sherman. He will focus on his book "66 Miles in 39 Hours" and notes from his great great Grandfather's diary.

Display Case for February is done by the Physical Education Department of Truman Elementary School highlighting their Annual "JUMP ROPE FOR HEART" project.

Sunset Hills Historical Society Picnic at Minnie Ha Ha Park - May 17th from 10:00 to 12:30 - Bring your picnic lunch and beverage.

Dedication of the Indian Landing Site at Minnie Ha Ha-May 17th at 1:00 PM. Check next edition of Horizon for more details.

We are selling the 50th Anniversary Banners at the City Hall Archives for \$5.00 each. We also have calendars by Ed Thias and the revised edition of the Sunset Hills History books.

The archives will be open each Monday in March from 12:00 to 3:00 P.M. This is a great opportunity to check out books, read family histories and get acquainted with our facility.

German Fest-has been changed to Friday evening June 27th this year. Herb Eberle will perform.

Answers:

1. (Heutel, Fredericks, Winter, Von Eime, Waterhout Sappington,Hunkler, Rott, Ruder,Wahlig,Maret, Dressel
2. (Sunset Ford) Owned and operated by the Heutel Family since 1912
3. (Al Moore and his salary was \$1.00 per year per title.)
4. (June 5, 1957)



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!

PARK NEWS

NEED ASSISTANCE

If you need assistance around the house with raking of lawns, snow removal and/or grass cutting; please contact the Parks and Recreation Office. We have compiled a list of local youths that would be excited to assist! Call the Park Office at 314-842-7265.

Meramec Caverns and Jesse James Museum

Beneath the rolling hills of the Meramec Valley, lives a complex of mineral formations and color as rare and unique as they are beautiful. These precious underground jewels, which took thousands of years to grow, are preserved in the spectacular sights of the Meramec Caverns. We'll tour and eat at the caverns, then head up the road to the Jesse James Museum and learn all about Jesse James. Lunch will be Barbecue chicken breast with fries, baked beans and a dessert. Price includes transportation by van, tour admissions, and lunch. There is considerable walking, so wear your walking shoes.

March 27, 2008

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fee: MCM Res. \$54; Non-Res \$58

Register with Webster Groves at 314-963-5600 by March 13, 2008

Garage Sale

On Saturday, April 26, 2008 a Community Garage Sale will be held.

Those wishing to participate that have items to sell may get on the list that will be handed out to buyers by calling (314) 842-7265 or go to the Parks and Recreation Office to register.

The garage sale will begin at 8:00 am on Saturday. Buyers can obtain a list of the homes where garage sales are being conducted by going to the Sunset Hills City Hall (3939 S. Lindbergh) beginning at 8:00 am on the morning of the event.



CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club meets in the Watson Trail Park Activity Center on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. – Noon.

Beginners or advanced, ages 8 through 98, all are invited to join the fun.



BURN BOOT CAMP

If you are looking for RESULTS, Burn Boot Camps give the most bang for your buck!

5 week sessions-each class is different!

All levels welcome! Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 am during school year, 7:00 am in the summer.

Price \$120.00 for 5 week session

August 12 – September 11

April 8 – May 8

September 23 – October 23.

May 20 – June 19

Reservations call: Val Strang at 314-941-8523 Location: Watson Trails Park

July 1 – July 31

EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual City of Sunset Hills Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Watson Trail Park on Sunday, March 23, 2008 beginning at 1:00 pm.

The children will be divided into three age categories: 1-3, 4-6, and 7-10. After the hunt children's eggs should be checked to see if a special prize is WON!



ATTRACTING PURPLE MARTINS

On Monday, March 10, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center, come learn about the Purple Martins and how to attract these fascinating birds. We'll discuss housing options, talk about the needed habitat, and pinpoint the best time to open the houses. A step-by-step guide to becoming a Purple Martin landlord.



PUPPET THEATER CLASS

Looking for a fun class? In Puppet Theater class, kids make puppets they get to keep out of simple materials. They will choose a story, adapt it, and work with their peers to make props and sets. The class culminates with the students putting on a puppet show for their families and friends. If your child enjoys playing with puppets, arts and crafts, or stories, they'll have a great time in this class!

When: April 4 – May 9 (Fridays)

Time: 4:15 – 5:30 pm

Fee: \$85.00 for one and \$165.00 for two

Location: Watson Trail Park Activity Center

Ages: 5 – 10

*Minimum registration for class to be held: 5 children



MEN'S AND COED SOFTBALL LEAGUES

It's time to dust off your mitt and grab your bat because softball season is about to begin! The City of Sunset Hills is offering men's and coed softball leagues for adults 18 and over. Our recently renovated fields offer great conditions to play on. Weather permitting; the leagues will begin the week of April 21, 2008. Recreational leagues as well as a competitive league are offered in both the Men's and Coed categories. All leagues are double header format. Cost is \$400.00 per team for 12 games and playoffs.



Registration will begin on Monday, February 11, 2008 for all those teams that played last year.

Registration for new teams will begin on Monday, February 25, 2008.

Call Victor Vigil at 314-842-7265 for your reservation.

WATER AEROBICS CLASSES

The Sunset Hills Parks and Recreation Department is offering water aerobics classes at the Days Inn (Indoor) Pool on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:00 am to 12 Noon. January 2 to May 23. This shallow water total body guided exercise class is designed to increase cardiovascular endurance, muscle tone and flexibility in a refreshing and fun atmosphere. Hand held weights noodles and kickboards will be provided.

Cost: Residents \$6.00 per class or you can purchase a punch card which entitles you to 9 classes for \$50.00.

Non-Residents \$7.00 per class or you can purchase a punch card which entitles you to 9 classes for \$60.00.

Registration by calling the Sunset Hills Parks and Recreation Office at 314-842-7265.



INDOOR TENNIS LESSON

The Sunset Parks and Recreation Department and Beginner World Tennis have teamed up to offer indoor tennis lessons at the Days Inn Motel. Students will receive five 1 hour lessons for \$60.00.

- Session 1** February 12 – 26 (T and Th)
- Session 2** February 28 – March 13 (T and Th)
- Session 3** March 25 – April 8 (T and Th)
- Session 4** April 10 – April 24 (T and Th)
- Session 5** April 29 – May 13 (T and Th)

Times and ages

- 5 pm – 6 pm 7 to 11 years old
- 6 pm – 7 pm 12 to 15 years old
- 7 pm – 8 pm 16 to Adult



To register contact the Sunset Hills Parks and Recreation Department at (314) 842-7265 or stop by the Activity Center located at Watson Trail Park.



SPRING PLANTING GRANTS

The City of Sunset Hills has established grants to further develop the beauty of Sunset Hills. Residents are encouraged to get together in small groups to develop plans for spring planting. These plans will then be submitted to be funded.

Suggestions on projects might include planting flowering shrubs, developing flower beds at the entrance of your street, or developing an attractive common ground area.

If your application is selected to be funded, your group will be responsible for that area. The Parks and Recreation Office has the applications; the deadline for turning in the application is April 8, 2008. Selections of grant awardees will be at the Park and Recreation Commission meeting on April 23, 2008.

BATTERY RECYCLING PROGRAM

Rechargeable batteries such as those found in cell phones require proper disposal. The City of Sunset Hills Parks Department now has a container located at the park office where residents can bring in their used rechargeable batteries. The Parks Department also collects used cell phones and used ink cartridges. The money the city receives for recycling the above items is used to purchase recreation supplies and items for the day camp.



REMINDER - (CORRECTION FROM LAST MONTH)

Day camp Resident reservation is on March 24, Not on May 24, 2008. Non-resident reservation will be on March 31, 2008.

Employees of Sunset Hills

This month we would like to introduce you to Carol Lay. Carol is an employee of the Sunset Hills Administrative



Department, and started with us in June 1994 as the Court Administrator. In April of 2001, Carol was also appointed the Deputy City Clerk. Her duties include being in charge of our Municipal Court, and also assisting the City Clerk.

In Carol's own words;

"It is a delight to come to work each day. I get to work with a great group of people who make working at the City a fate of good fortune. There is always an opportunity to meet and assist new and interesting people working at City Hall. Three evenings a month I attend night court and have the pleasure to work with Judge W. Laird Hetlage, and Prosecuting Attorney Robert E. Jones, along with many other people who make the evening run in an efficient manner".

Outside of work I love spending time with my husband Dave and my three sons;

David (22), Sam (19) and Jason. (15). My second set of kids are my two Weimaraners, Benny and Brody. I will be starting classes soon with Benny to become a therapy dog with Support Dogs of St. Louis. I also enjoy time with my new hobby of sock knitting.

If you have any questions for our Municipal Court please call between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday at 314-849-3402.



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(Work) 842-1551

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Douglas McGuire 965-6425

Ward II

John W. Littlefield 965-6022

Tom Hrastich 849-5497

Ward III

Jan Hoffmann 842-5866

Lynn D. Flowers Jr. 843-8577

Ward IV

Frank Gregory 842-7549

Mike Svoboda 842-2021

Important Numbers

City Hall 849-3400

Watson Trail Park 842-7265

Pool 842-SWIM

Emergency

Police 911

Fire 911

Ambulance 911

Police Information 849-4400

Vacation Watch 849-7867

CALENDAR

MARCH

4 Mar. – Public Works Committee – 7:00 p.m. – Public Works Conference Room

5 Mar. – Planning & Zoning Commission – 7:30 p.m. – Assembly Room

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

17 Mar. – Pool Advisory Board – 7:00 p.m. – Park Activity Center

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

24 Mar. – Historical Society – 7:00 p.m. – Assembly Room

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

26 Mar. – Park Commission – 7:00 p.m. – Park Activity Center