



City Administrator's Report – July 8, 2011

TO: Mayor Bower
Board of Alderman
Management Team

FROM: Mahesh Sharma, City Administrator

Administration

The Wellness Committee is hosting a "Lunch & Learn" seminar with Dr. Brooks Rice of Midwest Public Risk, who will present information regarding Nutrition, Fitness and Lifestyle on Thursday, July 28th, in the Council Chambers. There are two sessions; one at 11:00am and one at 12:00pm to accommodate all schedules. Employees are encouraged to attend and a light, healthy lunch will be provided, RSVP by July 15th.

EMS

Rachel Youngblood has accepted the position of full time Paramedic. Rachel is a 2009 Raytown EMS/EMT Academy Graduate and recently completed her Paramedic Certification at Central Jackson Country Fire Protection District. She has been employed as a part time employee since December 2010.

Information Technology

The data server, network and VoIP phone equipment for technology services at the renovated Public Works Building and Vehicle Maintenance Garage is being processed for delivery and setup. Installation of network and phone cabling will begin next week, along with a Fiber Optics link between the two Public Works facilities to provide for data processing and analysis of fleet and fuel usage software, GPS tracking, GIS mapping and sanitary sewer imaging equipment to increase the storage capacity of video images of the city's sanitary sewer infrastructure.

Parks & Recreation

A celebration for Robert Bonnewitz's 100th Birthday is set for Saturday, August 20th, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Rice-Tremonti Home. Ms. Bonnewitz and five volunteers (Leigh Elmore, Mickey O'Neal, Bob Gilham, Bob Grissom and Dave Wurth) will present "Saturday Evening on the Trail"; a thirty minute historical tale of a group of neighbors gathered in August 1849 at the Archibald Rice Farm.

Homemade ice cream and other "trail" desserts will be served on the lawn after the presentation; lawn chairs are encouraged. Admittance is free however, donations will be accepted.

Public Works

The Missouri Department of Transportation has announced that 350 Highway will be closed between 63rd Street and Gregory Boulevard for the demolition of the Blue Ridge Boulevard and 67th Street bridges over 350 Highway. The weekend closure, starting at 10:00 p.m. Friday, July 22, will mark the start of two bridge projects over Route 350 near Raytown. Route 350 will re-open by 5:00 a.m. Monday, July 25. The closure is weather dependent and could be rescheduled. Detour information can be found at the following internet address http://www.modot.mo.gov/kansascity/major_projects/Safe_and_Sound_Jackson.htm.

Renovations continued this week with interior finish work, exterior stucco application, exterior paint preparation and entry vestibule construction. KCP&L is scheduled to install the new electrical service and should be complete next week; then the roof and gutting can be completed.

Crews have nearly completed the sign room in the renovated building; swept 61 miles of roadway this week in response to firework debris and the heavy rain of Thursday; cleaned the low flow channel of the detention basin adjacent to the YMCA; and continue to trim trees and shrubs that are blocking line-of-sight triangulations at traffic signs and intersections.

Board, Committee and Commission Meetings, and Events

July 14 – Board of Zoning Adjustment Meeting; Council Chambers, 7:00pm